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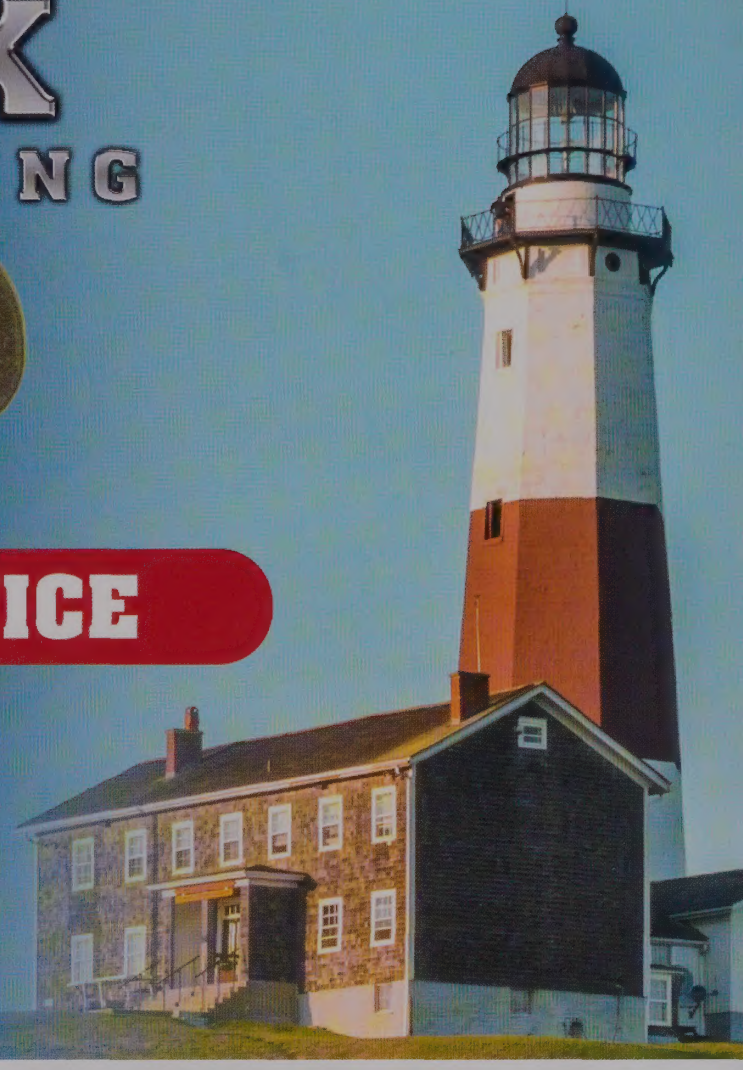

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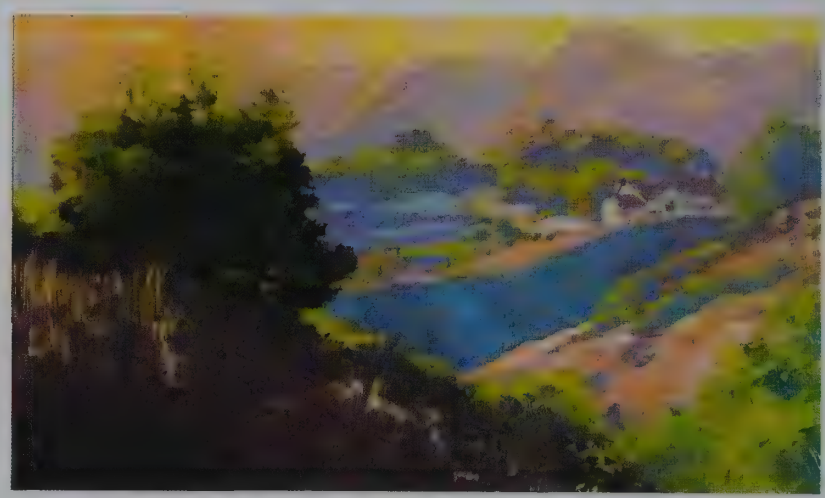

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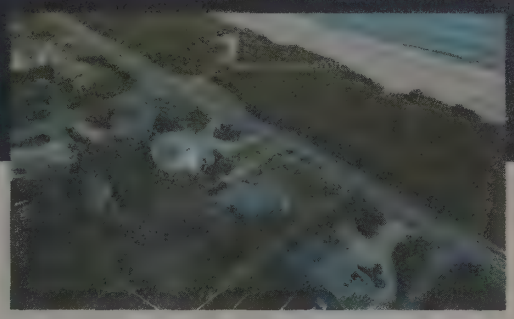

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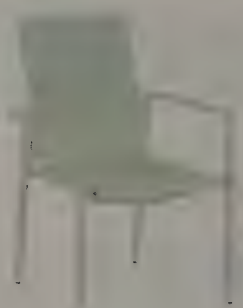

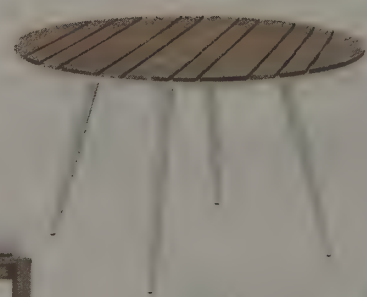

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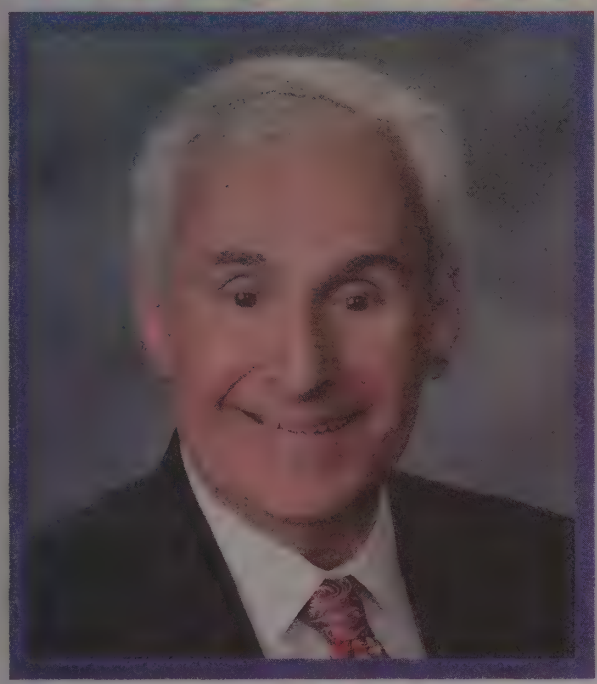

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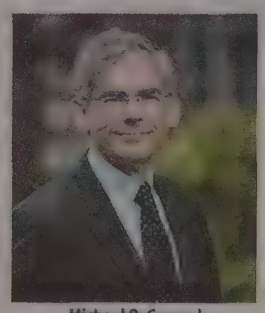
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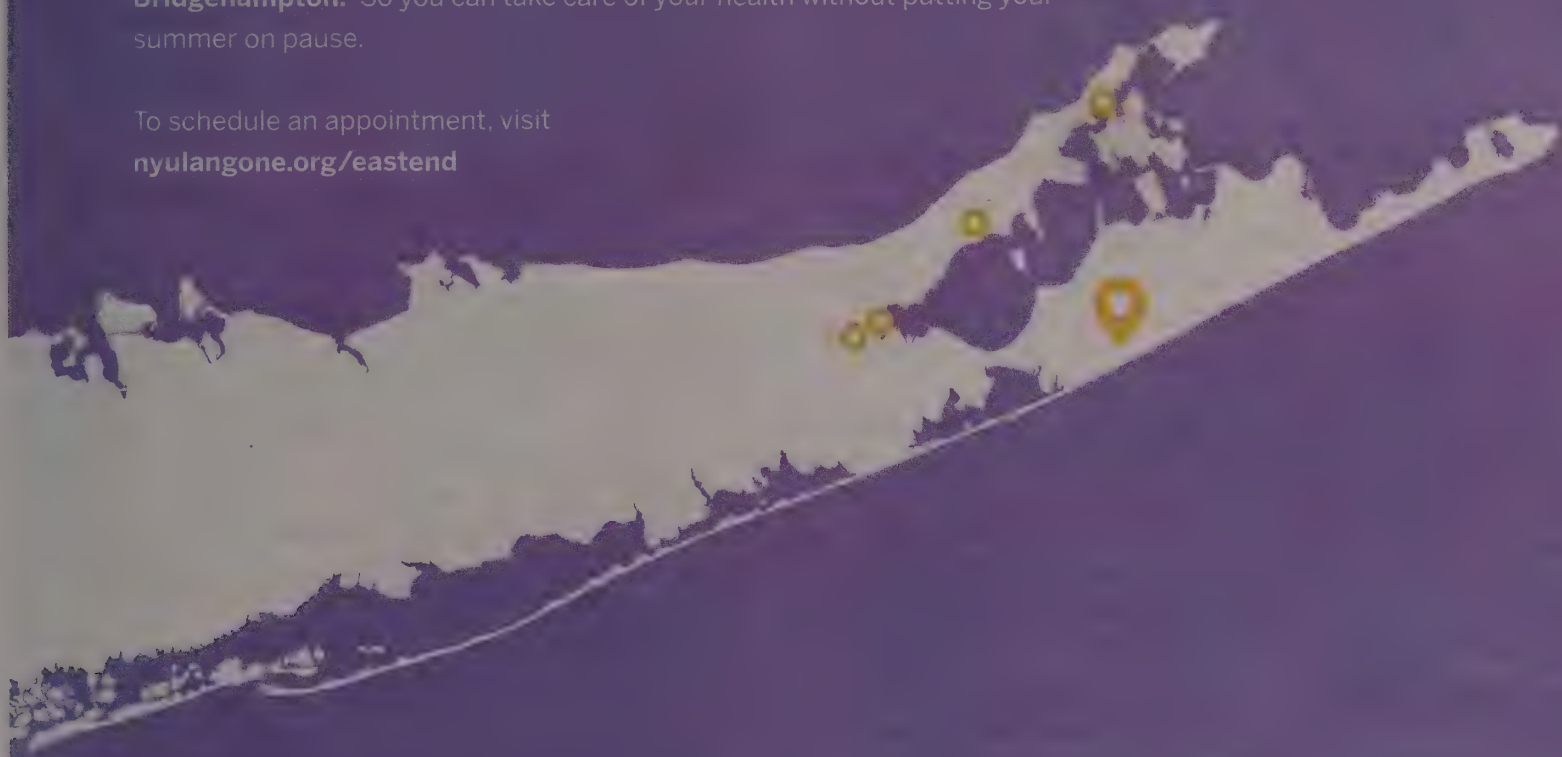

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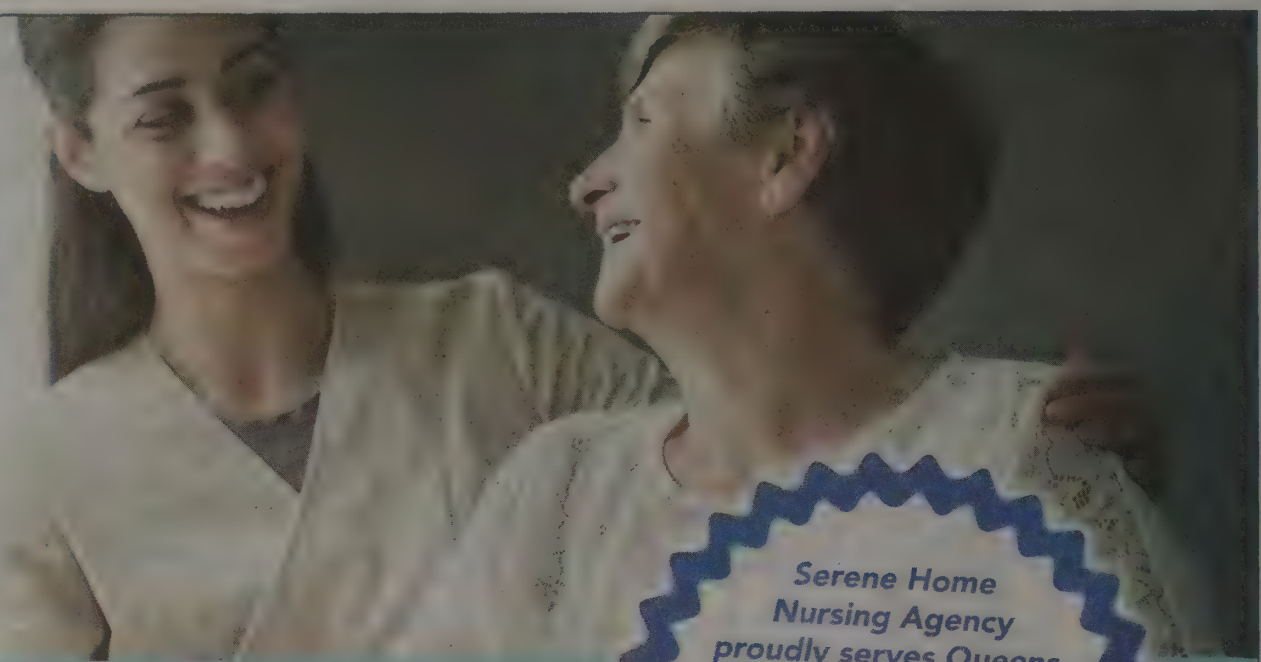

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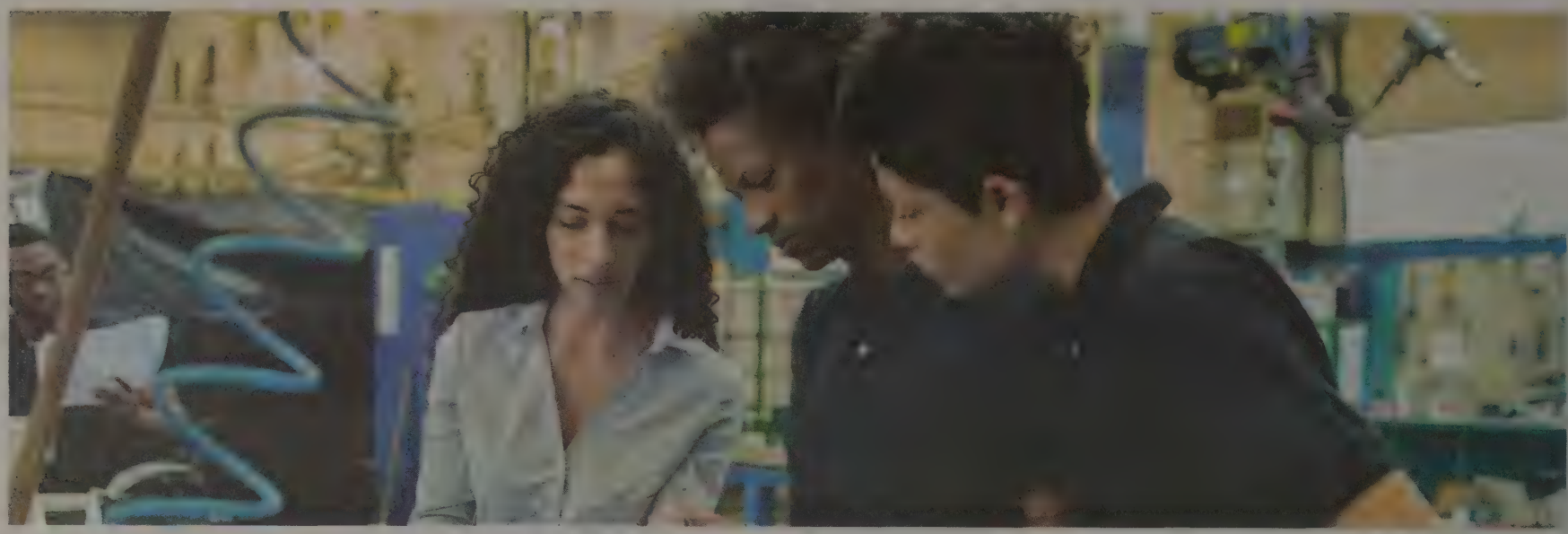

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CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

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Following Gov. Andrew Cuomo's declaration that New York State is fully reopened, friends are once again visiting each other's homes. **Christie Brinkley** invited CNN anchor **Don Lemon,** who lives in Sag Harbor, over to her Hamptons home for refreshing pink cocktails. "Ahhhh, to hug friends again," the supermodel posted on social media.

Amagansett resident **Albie Hecht**, who produced the *SpongeBob SquarePants* movie, and his wife, **Susan MacLaury**, co-founder of the nonprofit organization Shine Global, have collaborated with Sesame Street Workshop to produce one episode of *Through Our Eyes*. The documentary, which premieres on HBO Max July 22, tells the story of three different families whose parents came back to the United States with injuries after deploying from Iraq. Shine.org is a nonprofit film production company whose mission is to give voice to children and families whose stories of resilience raise awareness, promote action and inspire change.

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CBS This Morning co-host **Gayle King**, who was recently spotted out in the Hamptons, was the keynote speaker at Hamptons residents **Kelly Ripa** and **Mark Consuelos**' son Joaquin Consuelos' high school graduation from Churchill School in Manhattan. New York City Councilman **Robert Cornegy**, who is currently running for Brooklyn Borough President, also spoke at the ceremony.

There is a real-life "War of the Roses" going on in Water Mill. According to the *New York Post*, Cantor Fitzgerald executive **Paul Pion** and his wife Stephanie refused to leave their Hamptons rental. Although Pion says the claims are "completely false," documents were filed in Suffolk County Supreme Court, claiming "Defendants are conducting themselves in a bad faith, dishonest and manipulative way to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic and the mass confusion and gridlock in the lower courts in an effort to, among other things, block the impending sale of the premises."

The Pions have reportedly been renting the $5 million house in Water Mill for $10,000 a month for two years. The home was scheduled to be sold to a buyer for $4,970,000 on June 15, which is now in jeopardy, according to the lawsuit.

Bridgehampton's **Lorraine Bracco** is getting out a little more these days, but on the early side. "I spent a lot of time by myself during the pandemic," she tells us. "I read. I watched a lot of series I had never seen. I wrote a little book about my

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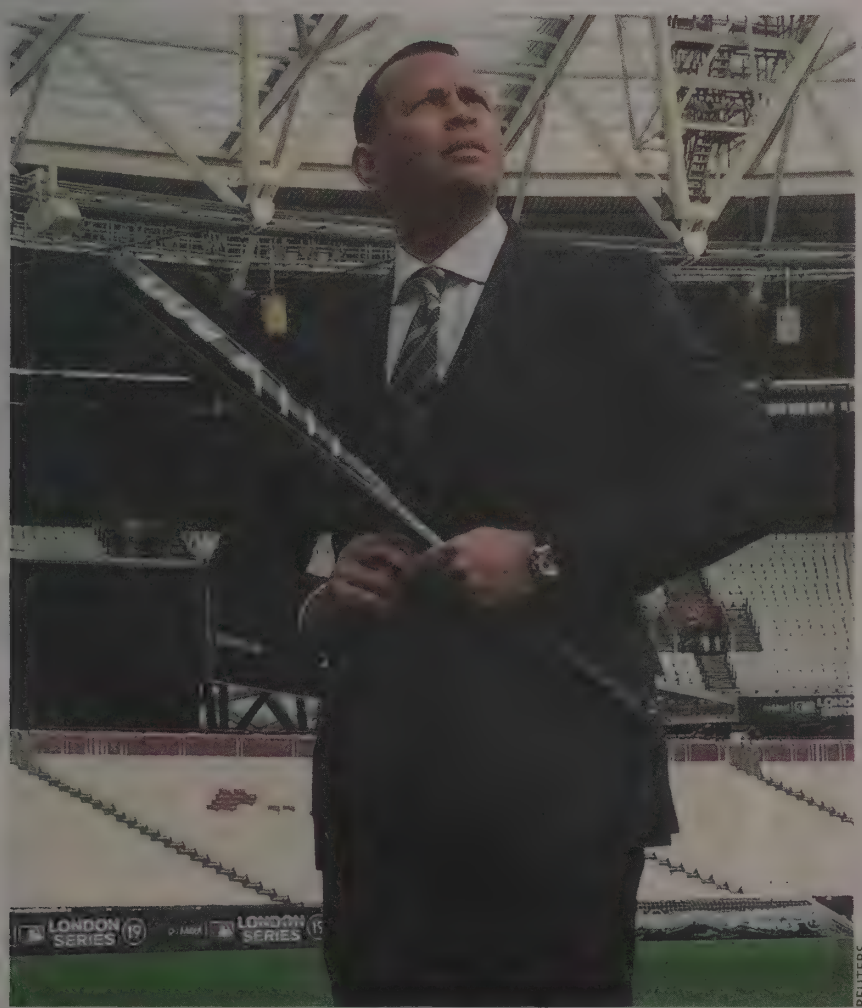

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ALEX RODRIGUEZ AT LONDON STADIUM IN 2018

dogs. I was okay being with myself." She shot a movie in Memphis during COVID called *Jacir*. Has a movie just out shot before COVID called *A Birthday Cake*.

And if you want a Lorraine sighting out here, dine at 5:30. "I'm all for being vaccinated and still wearing a mask," she says. "I go out for dinner early when very few people are at the restaurants. It's like the 'early bird special' with me," she says with a cackle. We'll be watching.

My hunch last week about the prospect of a Hamptons run-in between exes Jennifer Lopez and Alex Rodriguez looks like it may be happening. The former Yankee slugger has reportedly rented a $5 million house in Bridgehampton just a mile down the road from J.Lo's digs in Water Mill, where the former couple quarantined together with their children from past marriages in 2020. Meanwhile, Page Six reported that ARod was spotted partying in the Hamptons on June 19 with Lindsay Shoukas. She is the ex-girlfriend of Jen's on-again boyfriend, Ben Affleck. Talk about six degrees of separation!

New York State Attorney General **Letitia James** was on the move in the Hamptons on June 20. The Empire State's top legal eagle stopped by **Roger Silverstein**'s home in Water Mill, then dropped by the Hetrick-Martin Institute's Fundraiser for LGBTQ+ youth in Sag Harbor. From there, State Assemblywoman **Rebecca Seawright** presented James, **Judith Kasen-Windsor** and artist **Rachel Wilkins** proclamations during Pride Month celebrating the new Edie Windsor Health Center, along with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital President **Bob Chaloner**, Board Member **Jean Shafiroff**, Publisher **Vicki Schneps** and art gallery curator **Mago**, at the Chase Edwards Contemporary Gallery in Bridgehampton.

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DAVID BURTKA AND NEIL PATRICK HARRIS

Sightings: **Jimmy Fallon** enjoying lunch with his daughter Winnie Rose on the patio at Rowdy Hall in East Hampton.

Townline BBQ in Sagaponack has had a lot of celebrity action lately. **Neil Patrick Harris** was spotted at the bar enjoying a drink on June 13. The following day, Joseph Simmons (aka **Reverend Run**) and his wife, **Justine Simmons**, were seen picking up takeout.

Former child star and longshot presidential hopeful **Brock Pierce** spent $25,000 on dinner at 75 Main in Southampton on June 13.

Apparently it was date night at Nick & Toni's on June 18; **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Matthew Broderick** dined at one table outside while **Alec and Hilaria Baldwin** dined at another nearby.

Additional reporting by Bill McCuddy

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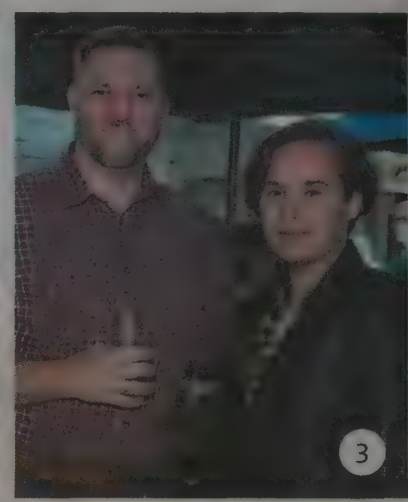
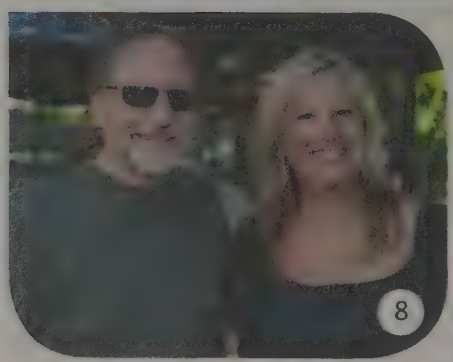


Dan's Papers Networking Event

Zach Erdem, owner of Blu Mar and 75 Main hosted a business networking event with *Dan's Papers*. Photographs by Hailey Burling



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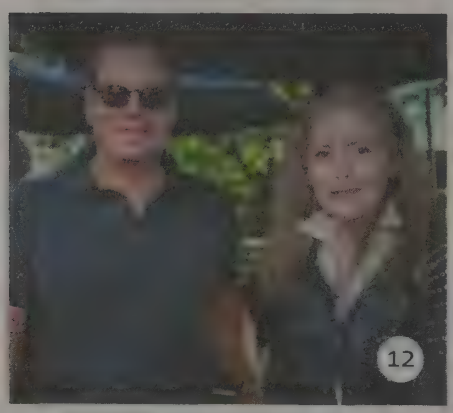

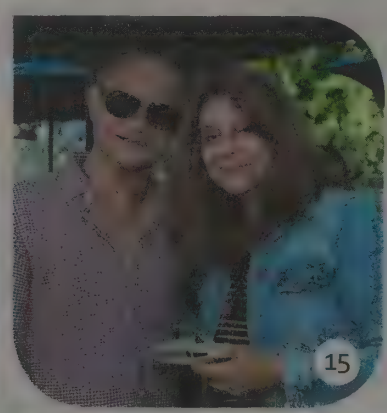

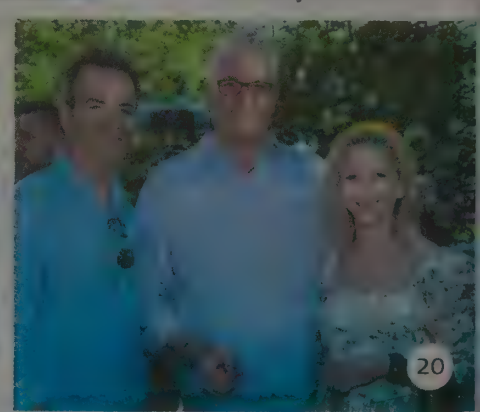

Dan Rattiner at Sag Harbor Books

Dan Rattiner signed his latest book *Hamptons Private* at Sag Harbor Books in the quaint village. Dan met with guests, read excerpts from his book and answered questions from the audience.
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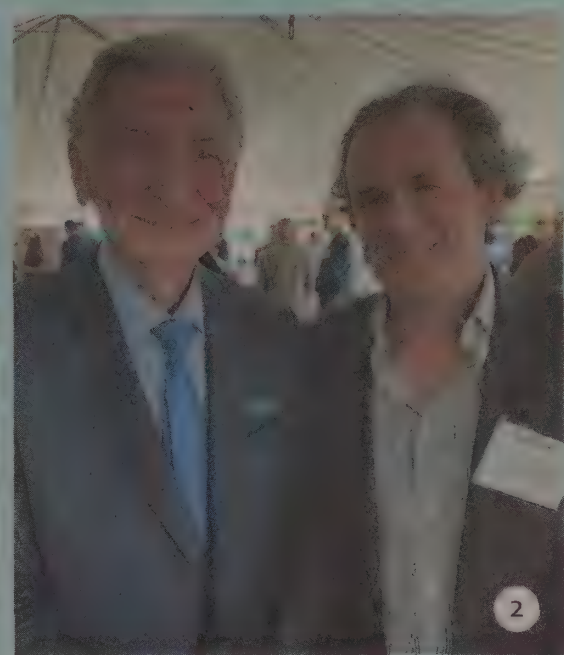

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4. Vicki Schneps (Owner of *Dan's Papers*), Msgr David Cassato, and Honorable Donald Scott Kurtz (Justice of the Supreme Court).

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Besim's Fine Cigars hosted leaf lovers during its grand opening weekend at 30 Jagger Lane, Southampton. Cuban cigar maker Willie Flores regaled the dads with stories and his own line of cigars. Everyone got a sneak peek at Long Island's largest Walk In Humidor. Guests appropriately enough enjoyed smoked barbecue. A very happy Fathers Day.
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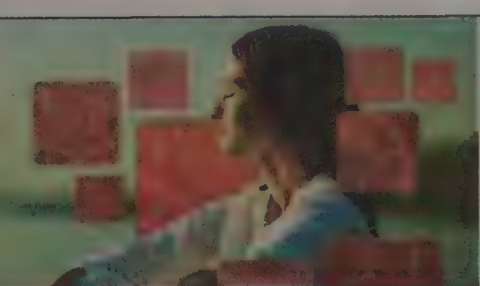

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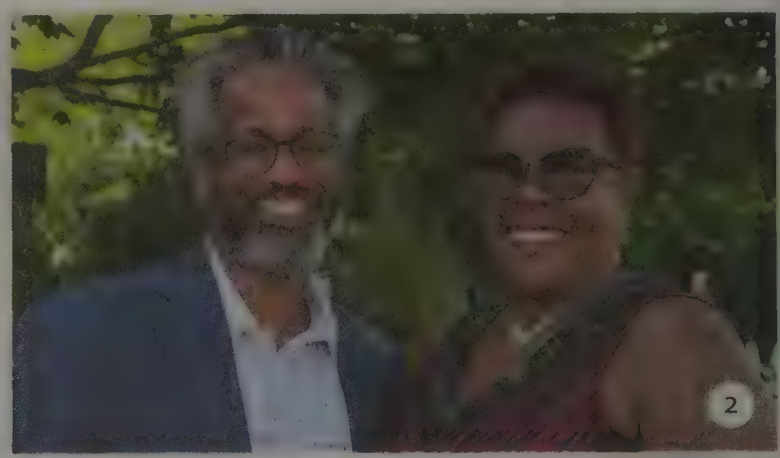
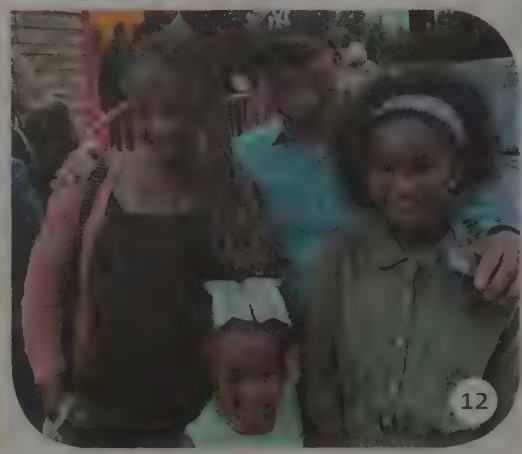
Southampton African American Museum Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Southampton African American Museum held a grand opening VIP reception and a special ribbon cutting ceremony. An inaugural walk through was held with music by Dwayne Kerr. Associate Professor of History at Vassar College, Quincy Mills was the keynote speaker. Photographs by Hailey Burling



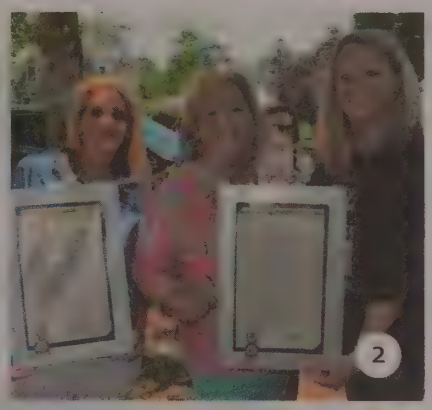
1. Kathryn Curran Executive Director of Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation and Noel Gish
2. Keynote Speaker Quincy Mills and Executive Director and Co-Founder of SAAM Brenda Simmons
3. County Legislators Robert Calarco and Jason Richberg
4. SAAM Member of Board of Directors James Banks
5. Paton Miller, Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Zelle Rellim, Amy Kirwin and Miranda Weber
6. Nancy Stevens-Smith Board President of SAAM and Deanna Lattanzio
7. Architect Siamak Samii, Southampton Mayor Jesse Warren, Professor Quincy Mills
8. Randy and JoAnn Conquest in front of Mural titled, "Three Themes: Great Migration History of Black Barbershop & Beauty Parlor Juke Joint and Pyrrhus Concer" by Artist David Bunn Martine

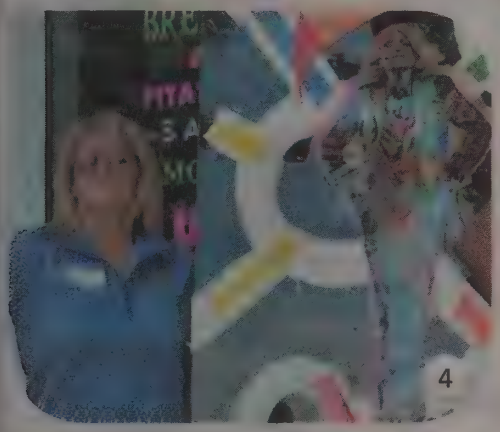
9. Jean Shafiroff
10. Jackie Watson, Pamela Council and Patricia Eleazer
11. Rebecca Seawright, Vicki Schneps and Susan Taylor, former Editor-in-Chief at Essence Magazine
12. Malika Batchie Lockhart, Chris Lockhart, Nia Lockhart, Malia Lockhar
13. Gail Seymore and Crystal Seymore, granddaughters of Mr. Emanuel Seymore



PRIDE Exhibit Fundraiser at Chase Edwards Gallery

Chase Edwards Gallery/Bridgehampton in partnership with the Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer Foundation presented artist Rachel Wilkins' Shoulders of Giants, a multi-media homage to LGBTQ change-makers, curated by MAGO. The opening reception was hosted by Judith Kasen-Windsor and proceeds will benefit The Edie Windsor Healthcare Center. Photographs by Barry Gordin





1. Robin Long, County Legislator Bridget Fleming, Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Judith Kasen-Windsor, Judge Deborah Koperstein
2. Judith Kasen-Windsor, Rebecca Seawright, Rachel Wilkins
3. Brian Mott, Jimmy Mack
4. Judith Kasen-Windsor with artwork depicting Edie WIndsor
5. Wellness Expert Thuyen Nguyen, Alex Lerner
6. Bonnie Edwards, Sculptor Hans van de Bovenkamp
7. MAGO, Artist Rachel Wilkins
8. HMI CEO Joe Presley, Camilla Lundengard, Heather Davidson, Dan Gasby
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11. Victoria Schneps, New York State Attorney General Letitia James
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HMI Juneteenth Celebration

Hetrick-Martin Institute celebrated Juneteenth at the home of Rob Smith and Rod Grozier. The event is part of School's Out annual fundraiser and introduced new HMI CEO, Joe Presley. Photographs by Barry Gordin

1. Hosts Rob Smith and Rod Grozier
2. Host Rob Smith, Assembly Member Latrice Walker, Attorney General Letitia James, CEO Hetrick Martin Institute Joe Presley, Judith Kasen-Windsor
3. Marsin Mogielski, MAGO

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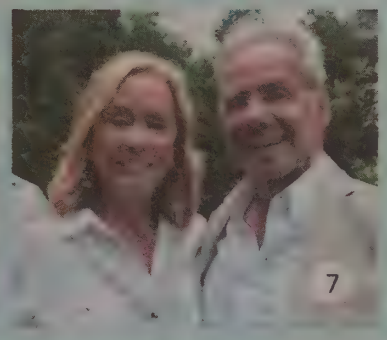
7. Ann Ciardullo, Keith Green



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Southampton Village Mayor Warren Re-elected

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Southampton Village Mayor Jesse Warren won a second two-year term June 18 following a heated rematch against the predecessor he unseated two years ago, Michael Irving.

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE MAYOR JESSE WARREN

Warren beat Irving by 460 votes following a campaign that featured mailers from the Long Island Law Enforcement Foundation, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association's super PAC, attacking Warren, who made taking on police spending a hallmark of his administration.

Incumbent trustees and Irving allies Mark Parash and Andrew Pilaro were unseated by challengers Robin Brown and Roy Stevenson, who ran on a ticket with Warren. Warren got 1,064 votes and Irving got 604.

Warren was one of two East End village mayors up for re-election in June. Sag Harbor Village Trustee James Larocca unseated Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy by a 22-vote margin on June 15. Sag Harbor Trustees Aidan Corish and Robert Plumb fended off a challenge from Bayard Fenwick in that race.

Sag Harbor and Southampton were among seven villages across the Twin Forks to have elections the same week.

In another East End village election held June 15, North Haven Village Trustee Terie Diat, who ran unopposed, won re-election and Chris Fiore won, uncontested, for the seat vacated by A. James Laspesa.

Four other villages besides Southampton had elections Friday. In the Village of Sagaponack, incumbent Trustee William Barbour sought re-election unopposed and Carrie Thayer Crowley ran uncontested for the seat being vacated by Joy Sieger, who's the deputy mayor.

And six incumbents ran uncontested re-election campaigns in three villages. They include Quogue village trustees Randy Cardo and Ted Necarsulmer, Westhampton Beach village trustees Rob Rubio and Brian Tymann and West Hampton Dunes village trustees Gary Trimarchi and John J. Efff Jr.

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Larocca Unseats Sag Harbor Mayor Mulcahy

BY WHITNEY LYNN

Sag Harbor Village Trustee James Larocca unseated Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy by a 22-vote margin on June 15.

The race between Larocca, a three-term trustee, and Mulcahy, a first-term mayor, hinged on debate over redevelopment in the village's downtown waterfront, where the village instituted a construction moratorium and Bay Street Theater is planning a new location.

Larocca won with 379 votes, and Mulcahy followed closely behind with 357 votes.

Two incumbent trustees also fended off a challenge from political newcomer Bayard Fenwick. Trustee Aidan Corish was re-elected with 572 votes as was Trustee Robert Plumb with 497 votes. Fenwick came up short with 250 votes.

The village was one of seven across the East End to hold elections this month.

In addition, voters decided several town primaries in the early voting period in the run up to the June 22 primary election. The primaries decide which candidates will be on the ballots in local races on Election Day in November. Results of those primary races were not available as of press time.

-With Timothy Bolger

NEWS & VIEWS

Bridgehampton Schools Get New Budget, Superintendent

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Bridgehampton School District's $20 million budget passed by a one-vote margin in a June 15 revote held just as a new superintendent took the helm.

Because the budget called for a tax increase higher than the New York State property tax cap of 2%, it required 60% of voters to approve the spending measure, which it barely achieved with 181 voting in favor and 120 opposed. At a special meeting after the vote, the board of education appointed Mary Kelly to lead the district as its new superintendent starting July 1.

"Her appointment is the culmination of an extensive search process and her level of educational skill, experience and knowledge will continue to successfully lead our district into the future and further inspire the lifelong intellectual curiosity of our students," said Board of Education President Ronald White, who was re-elected to the board in the budget vote.

Her appointment comes after the district was the only one on the East End to have its budget rejected by voters on May 18, when it came up just short with 59% of the vote. The budget calls for a tax increase of $1,466,190.

In addition, voters elected Angela Chmielewski and Jo Ann Comfort to the board of education to fill the positions previously held by Lillian Tyree-Johnson and Douglas S. DeGroot.

Incoming Superintendent Kelly has led the Amityville Union Free School District since 2014 and previously served as assistant superintendent. Her career in education began in her hometown Kings Park Central School District.

MARY KELLY

THE RIVERHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE ON OSBORNE AVENUE.

Democratic Socialists Tout First Suffolk Win in Riverhead

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A member of the Suffolk County Democratic Socialists of America was elected to the Riverhead Central School District Board of Education last month, becoming the chapter's first member to win an election.

Colin Palmer, who was inspired to run after the district shuttered its classics program, beat Moms for Liberty candidates while running on a platform of classroom democratization, increased access to the arts and humanities, and supporting English Language Learner students. His three-year term begins July 1.

"At a time when reactionary forces attempt to dismantle programs on diversity, equity and inclusion, I will not back down in fighting for education that is grounded in critical thinking and a deeper understanding of our communities," he said. "Our students deserve to graduate from Riverhead schools as well-informed global citizens."

The Suffolk DSA said it will begin to find potential school board candidates who support curricula oriented toward racial and social justice in local school districts.

Bill Would Create East End Community Housing Fund

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The New York State Legislature passed this month a bill that would allow the five East End towns to create Town Community Housing Funds to help local governments ease the housing crunch.

The towns could use the fund to provide financial assistance to first-time homebuyers, rehabilitate community housing, produce community housing for sale or rent, offer housing counseling and acquire housing units to be used as community housing.

"The lack of affordable housing has reached crisis proportions," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor), who authored the bill. "This legislation will provide towns with a meaningful tool that can make a difference by providing housing opportunities for its residents at a much greater rate than they can with existing resources and programs."

The proposal has been sent to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has not indicated if he will sign the bill into law. If he does, the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold would have to pass a home-rule message, create a community housing plan and put the issue up to a vote in a referendum.

The funds would be financed by adding a ½% tax to the 2% East End real estate transfer tax that fuels the Community Preservation Fund.

NEWS & VIEWS

Dump Stories

When You Throw Something Away It May Not Mean AWAY

BY DAN RATTINER

Years ago, before global warming became a problem, we took our garbage to the dump. And it was okay. Beginning about 1990, however, the dump stopped being called the dump but instead got to be called the Recycling and Transfer Center. We all know that had to happen, but nevertheless, it has left me, as the longtime editor of *Dan's Papers*, with some stories about when it was a dump. Here they are.

THE INCOME TAX RETURN

One year, the Town Board of East Hampton decided that the dump ought to be closed on Sundays. It was the day of rest, after all. And those who worked there could use a day off.

When that happened, this closure hit those with summer homes hard. On Sunday mornings, they'd gotten used to loading their families into their cars and putting their garbage bags in the trunk. On their way back to New York City, they'd drive into the dump to drop off the garbage. Kids in the back enjoyed watching the seagulls and the big mound of the garbage mountain out the back window.

The first Sunday after the town did that, I happened to drive by the dump entrance on Springs Fireplace Road. A great steel gate had closed off the entrance. And this enormous mound of garbage bags was leaned up against it, next to the "Closed Sundays" sign. No well-to-do summer person worth his salt was going to drive his garbage back to the city with the kids in the car. I thought, well, this is trouble.

The next Sunday, there were no garbage bags at the gate. Instead there was a policeman in a police car there and a big padlock on the gate.

At that point, I wrote an article about this situation. I said they should not have closed it. It certainly wasn't good to have families and garbage in the same car going back to the city. And they couldn't leave the trash in the house. Lock or no, the raccoons would get at it.

Well, it turned out the summer people were not driving all the way back to the city with the trash. They were heading down the Montauk Highway with everybody on the lookout for stores along the way that had big dumpsters in the back. By the following week, merchants were screaming that they were coming to work on Monday morning to find their dumpsters full of the rich people's garbage.

And then I got a phone call from a guy I knew who owned an antique shop in Wainscott.

"I've got something to show you. I'm not telling you what it is on the phone. You have to come down to see it."

The man was sitting at a big wooden desk by the front door amidst all the mirrors and whirligigs when I arrived. He stood up. We shook hands. He sat back down. Opening a drawer, he took out a copy of a 10-page federal income tax return.

"Don't mind the ketchup," he said, handing it to me.

I didn't know the man whose return this was. But his address was New York City and his return showed he'd made more than $800,000 the prior year working on Wall Street.

We looked at each other. "There's lots more of his stuff in my dumpster."

"I believe it. What do you want me to do?"

"Publish it in the paper. Name him. Tell him we'd found his return in my garbage. He should come by and get it. I'm open 9 to 5."

I did that. I ran it front page, and included a photo of the return so you could see his name and what he made. Though the man never did come back for his errant return, the town relented and reopened the dump the following Sunday.

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Three weeks later, a man who worked at the dump in Bridgehampton called to tell me another dump story.

"You know Wainscott Harbor Road?"

I did. It was a narrow paved road back then, and it went straight north from the highway to end at the Long Island Rail Road tracks.

"Drive down to the tracks, but then walk across the tracks and into the woods along a dirt trail. About 50 yards in, look what's on the ground."

I did that. It was a warm, sunny morning. There was a huge pile of several desks and chairs, four filing cabinets and scattered professional papers of the former United States Congressman George Hochbrueckner from our district from years before.

Some of these papers were marked "top secret" and "for your eyes only." We were in the middle of the Cold War with the Soviets while he was in office. There were architectural plans for missile sites and military bases. In one filing cabinet I found all the applications of young men from our district who'd applied for admission to the United States Military Academy. Photos of the applicants were stapled to the forms.

Fifteen minutes later, I heard the whine of a motorcycle coming toward me down the trail. It frightened me. I wasn't supposed to be reading this stuff. But as it roared through, I saw that it was a kid riding a dirt bike. But I'd had enough. I took a picture of the pile, left and that night wrote a story for the paper about it, including the congressman's name.

A year later, the congressman's son called to explain how this happened. The Hochbruekners owned a house in the Georgica Association. One day Mrs. Hochbruekner filed for divorce and kicked the congressman out. But the house had a finished basement and Mr. Hochbruekner had left a home office down there. Because of this, one day, a lawyer for Mrs. Hochbruekner called and said she wanted his basement stuff out. He ignored this request. And so, as a result, mother hired a local man with a truck to take the stuff to the dump.

There were now fees to use the dump, though. And so the man she hired, to avoid the dump fees, took the stuff down Wainscott Harbor Road and threw it into the woods.

Today the whole area is an upscale housing development. I have no idea where this stuff is now.

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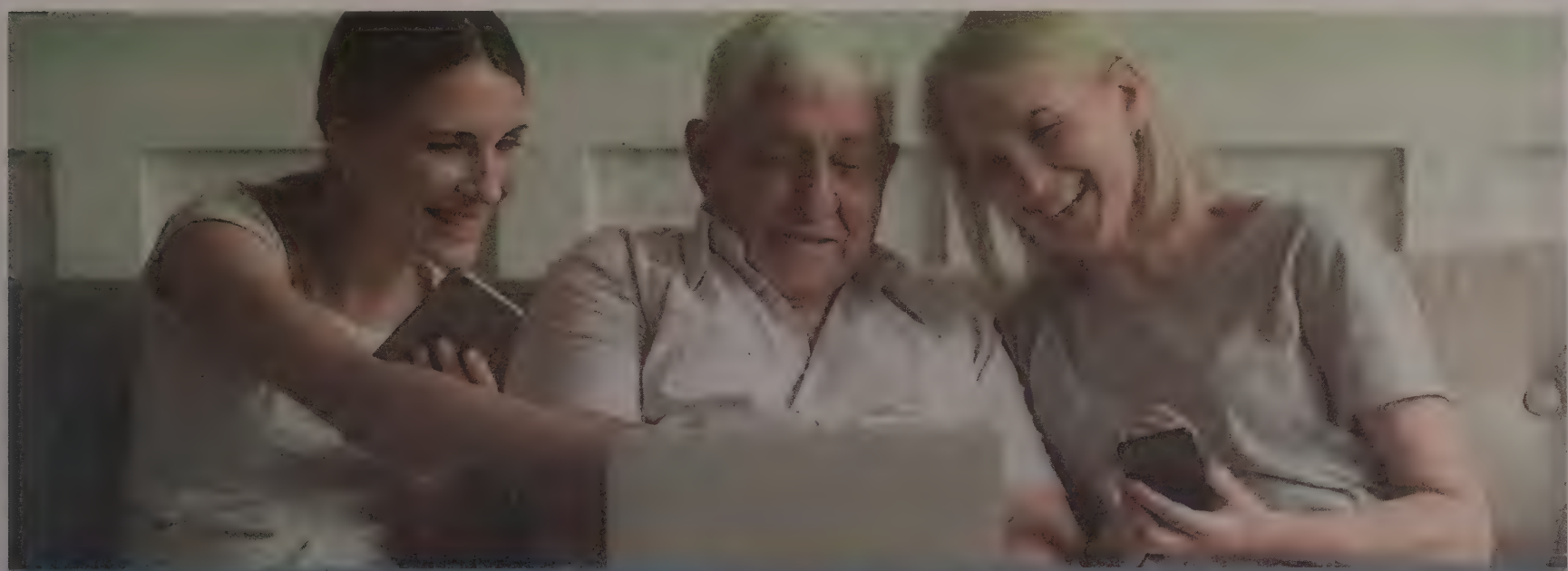

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Restoring Stargazer

BY DAN RATTINER

After a long, hot drive out toward the vacationland of eastern Long Island, motorists and their passengers have always delighted in seeing the nearly 50-foot-tall sculpture *Stargazer* by the side of the road as they come down Manorville Road from the Long Island Expressway.

It is the first marker telling them they are approaching the Hamptons. The sculpture is of a deer, its head raised to the sky in wonder. Set at the edge of a stunningly beautiful 54-acre sod farm, the sight of it causes excitement in the car.

"We're almost in the Hamptons!!" someone will shout. Indeed, they are. They are almost in the Hamptons in the same way the Statue of Liberty used to welcome immigrants to America after a long hot journey over water from the Old Country.

"Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..." Lady Liberty says. Well, that's not exactly the welcome *Stargazer* offers. But it's the same concept.

Four months before the pandemic hit in February 2020, however, the storm Isaias swept through the East End and seriously damaged *Stargazer*, ripping much of the paneling off, weakening the interior beams and causing water damage where woodpeckers had pecked through the edging. After that, it seemed to many that it was sharing the pain that everyone was going through with COVID-19.

But now, the pandemic restrictions are lifting, and people are coming out of their homes and into the streets to enjoy life again. And now comes the news this week that the problems preventing the repairs to *Stargazer* are lifting, too. A GoFundMe banner is about to go up in front of the sculpture, and without a doubt the $100,000 funds necessary to create a whole new *Stargazer* will appear in short order.

I spoke to Bob Morris, the loyal companion of Linda Scott, the sculptress who got the idea and sketched out the design for *Stargazer*, which Bob Morris built with his own hands 30 years ago. (Linda passed away in 2015.)

Morris' joy over the phone was

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unmistakable.

"I have come to terms with the new owners of the farmland on which *Stargazer* sits. Originally, farmer Harvey Pollock had said *Stargazer* could stay on his property for as long as we wanted. But he passed away and the lawyers of his estate only gave me a lease on a year-to-year basis. Can't make a restoration if it could only be there for a year. But now, the new owners not only want *Stargazer* there, they will also help me raise money to make the repairs. I will rebuild it stronger and the woodpeckers will be faced with metal flashing. It will be watertight."

Stargazer was originally commissioned to be placed on Daniel's Hole Road at the head of the driveway that went up into the woods to the 12-acre Animal Rescue Fund complex across the way from the East Hampton Airport.

I interviewed Scott that year after I learned of the project. Educated at Sarah Lawrence and for a time at Harvard, she was then living on the Luna Farm on Parsonage Lane in Sagaponack creating art.

Her works were at the Fogg Museum in Boston, at the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill, at Guild Hall in East Hampton and other places. Her paintings were in the collections of Steven Spielberg and Henry Koehler.

"The deer is the symbol of truth," Scott told me. "I had accepted the commission to build something that size because I wanted to show my gifted son, Morgan, who was 10 years old at the time, that if you have a talent, you should go for it and not shoot yourself in the foot or cut off an ear."

When Scott and Morris completed the project, they trucked its pieces to the site, where Trocchio & Sons steel fabricators of Manorville, using a 150-ton crane, was on hand. Trocchio was to raise up and lock together the metal framework, to which the wood beams and the stuccoed and painted panels could then be attached.

At the site, an enthusiastic crowd of well-wishers were enjoying wine and cheese on tables set up nearby—a party atmosphere—when an Ordinance Inspector from East Hampton Town arrived. He said the Town Supervisor Tony Bullock would not allow this installation to proceed. He said it exceeded maximum height requirements and there had been complaints that *Stargazer* would become a distraction not only to the neighborhood, but to pilots as they approached the main runway of the airport just to the west across that road. It could cause a crash.

Under the circumstances, Trocchio refused to set up the framework. Later that day, Scott called me, as editor of *Dan's Papers*, among other people in the media. Wasn't there something that could be done? Well, there wasn't. But we all wrote about what happened. And soon thereafter came the generous offer from farmer Harvey Pollock. And so the *Stargazer* became the sentinel that welcomed people to the beaches, woods, ponds, fields and farmland of the Hamptons.

Won't you help fund its restoration? The banner reads SAVE THE STARGAZER. Do it. Visit gofundme.com/f/save-the-stargazer.

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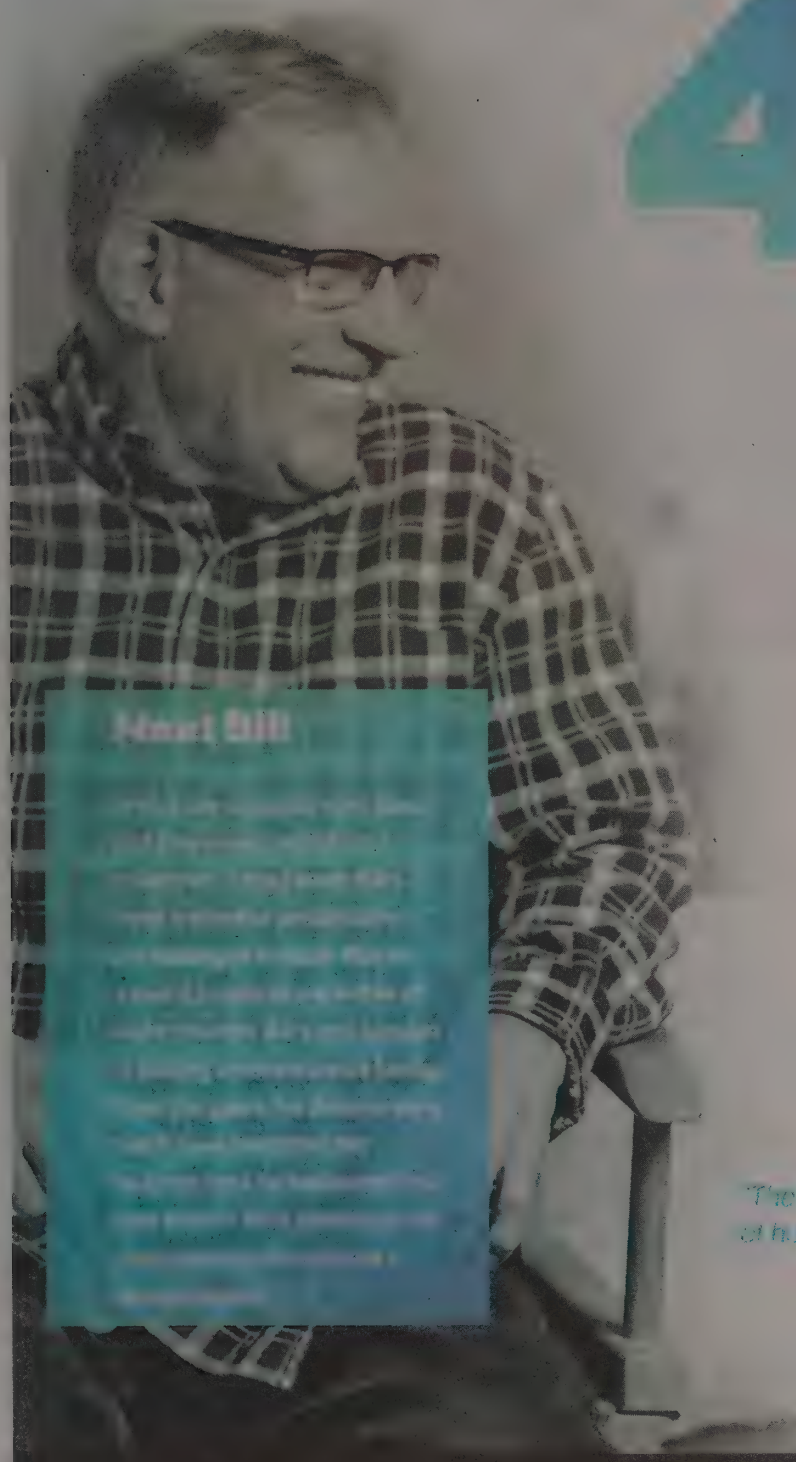

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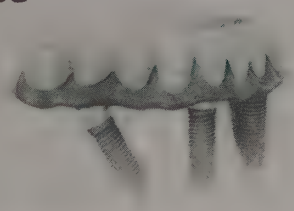

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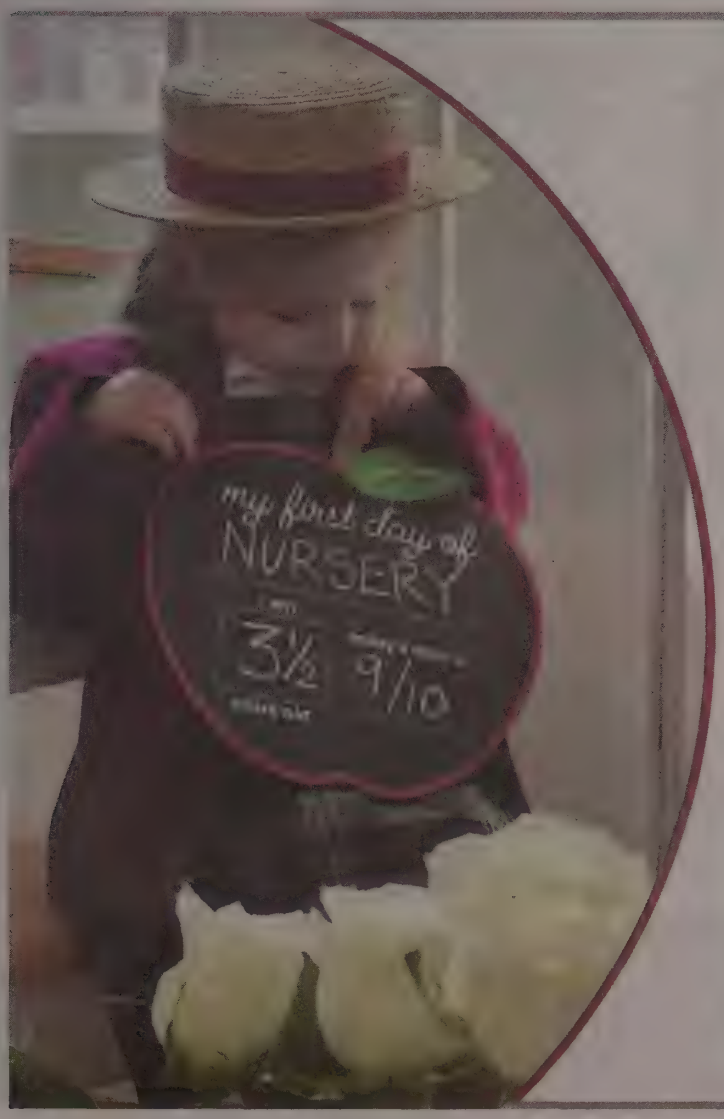

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Old World Charm and Breathtaking Water Views at This $29.5 Million Water Mill Home

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A large waterfront home with breathtaking views of Mecox Bay recently hit the market for $29.5 million.

Set on a 2.3-acre waterfront property, the home offers old-world charm paired with modern amenities, according to the Douglas Elliman listing. Michaela Keszler is the broker.

"The attention to detail is unmatched," according to the listing for the six-bedroom, eight-and-a-half bath home. "The oversized chef's kitchen is any host's dream. The stately dining room is perfect for any formal dining situation."

Upstairs, the master suite offers an unparalleled view of Mecox Bay. The additional five bedrooms all have en-suite bathrooms.

The home also boasts a state-of-the-art home theater.

Outside, there is a pool that overlooks the bay and is surrounded by lush and mature landscaping.

A walkway leads to the bay, where there is a dock in water deep enough to hold a 19-foot boat perfect for watersports on Mecox Bay.

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BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE

Southampton Home of the Painter Henry Koehler Put on Market

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The late Henry W. Koehler, one of the top sporting artists in the world, painted many of his equestrian paintings, for which he was known, in his studio in his quaint Southampton Village home. That house, at 80 North Main Street, has been put on the market by his estate for $2.295 million.

Koehler, who died in late 2018 at the age of 91, owned the 1880s cedar-shingled traditional for 30 years. It sits on over a half-acre, in the heart of the village, and offers four bedrooms and three full baths.

His artwork once appeared on a U.S. postage stamp to mark the 100th anniversary of the Kentucky Derby, and his work can be found at the National Racing Museum in Saratoga Springs and in the National Horse Racing Museum at Newmarket in Great Britain. The Hampton Classic Horse Show here on the East End featured his work five times.

In addition to an equestrian focus, he also was known to paint sailing scenes. In fact, it was his image of a sailing regatta that appeared on the cover of a 1960 *Sports Illustrated* issue that led Jacqueline Kennedy to commission a painting of her husband, John F. Kennedy.

Other collectors of his work include Ralph Lauren, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles.

Southampton Village is where Koehler made his home.

The architecturally classic center hallway leads to the 25-foot living room, which features a wood burning fireplace. The hallway is flanked by a south-facing library and a fourth bedroom that can also be used an office.

Western exposures provide natural light throughout the day, we're told. The eat-in kitchen is large and charming with a bistro tiled floor.

Upstairs is where you will find three double bedrooms and two full bathrooms and, the most special of all, the bonus room that was Koehler's artist's studio. Exposures to the north, east and west make it a delight no matter how one chooses to use it.

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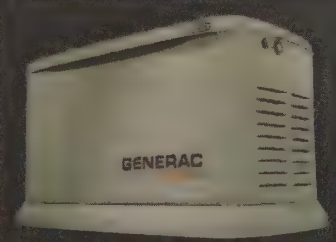

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	Jonathan & Tiina Rosen	24 Stony Hill LLC	24 Stony Hill Road	Residence	04/15/21	12,000,000
	Napeague Beach House LLC	87M LLC	87 Maidstone Drive	Residence	04/15/21	2,900,000
	Catherine Peacock	James & Jill Keogh	73 Cross Highway To Devon	Residence	05/14/21	2,100,000
	Glenn Behr	Handy Lane 8 LLC	39 Handy Lane	Residence	12/22/20	1,970,000
	Timothy Kelly	Dustin Drew-Horowitz	462 Montauk Highway	Vacant	04/01/21	1,195,000
	Richard J Principi Inc	Ingas Path LLC	Further Court	Vacant	12/21/20	40,000
Aquebogue	Harold & Marianne Nicholson	Christopher Ottomanelli	6 Lovers Lane	Residence	05/05/21	850,000
	Jennifer & Marc LaMaina	Jerson Godoy	85 Trout Brook Lane	Residence	04/21/21	500,000
Bridgehampton	Charles J O'Byrne	363 Sagg Associates LLC	363 Sagaponack Road	Residence	12/31/20	16,000,000
	Allan Ryan Trust	Astor Real Estate Holdings LLC	81 Day Lily Lane	Residence	03/24/21	8,690,000
	Jobs Lane LLC	466 Grey Wolf LLC	466 Jobs Lane	Residence	03/29/21	8,100,000
	Andrew Phillips	Daniel Bley	459 Brick Kiln Road	Residence	05/05/21	2,450,000
East Hampton	Ninety Six Further Lane Inc	96 East LP	96 Further Lane	Residence	05/06/21	23,000,000
	Dune Park LLC	234 Cove Hollow LLC	234 Cove Hollow Road	Residence	02/09/21	8,800,000
	BC19 LLC	Malindi LLC	7 Fieldview Lane	Vacant	05/07/21	6,325,000
	Marran Pudding Hill LLC	12 Pudding Hill LLC	12 Pudding Hill Lane	Vacant	05/05/21	4,950,000
	Jason Loeb	Amanda & Nicholas Breslow	46 Osborne Lane	Residence	05/10/21	3,600,000
	Broadwell Investments Ltd	Erin & Karl Hirschhorn	43 North Main Street	Residence	04/14/21	3,175,000
	Ty Popplewell	Alison Zaid	81 Gould Street	Residence	05/11/21	3,150,000
	Jane & Robert Schmidt	Jeffrey & Wendy Robinson	100 Meadow Way	Residence	05/07/21	3,150,000
	Ayush & Jennifer Kapahi	169 Swamp Road LLC	169 Swamp Road	Residence	04/16/21	2,950,000
	Gerald & Joan West	Aakashdeep Kumar	31 Springwood Way	Residence	04/02/21	2,900,000
	Aimee Bloom	Jwong Hamptons LLC	12 Pleasant Lane	Residence	03/26/21	2,632,500
	Michelle & Robert Posillico	Ericka Horan	53 Maple Lane	Residence	05/10/21	2,325,000
	Clive Wood	Sue Weinstein	4 Sulky Circle	Residence	04/30/21	1,995,000
	Sally D Tiemann	Ali Kazemi	24 Squires Path	Residence	04/15/21	1,750,000
	Jane M Modoono	Beth A Stewart	20 Birdie Lane	Residence	04/23/21	1,650,000
	101 Springs LLC	101 Springs Fireplace LLC	101 Springs Fireplace Road	Residence	04/19/21	1,607,000
	Gregory M Konner	Amelia & Oscar Junquera	53 Floyd Street	Residence	04/21/21	1,600,000
	Angela Chan	Emily & Philip Michael	29 Timber Lane	Residence	05/07/21	1,350,000
	Edmund & Henrietta DiBenedetto	Ana Pavlovic	18 Alewive Brook Road	Residence	03/02/21	1,322,000
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	John T Sacco	Christine Abajian	45 Cosdrew Lane	Residence	05/07/21	975,000
	Estate of Gloria Brabant	Zoila Mora	23 16th Street	Residence	04/20/21	699,000
	Lisa & William Cusick	MacKenzie Ott	37 4th Street	Residence	04/16/21	645,000
	140 Talmage Farm LLC	William Benjamin Holdings LLC	140 Talmage Farm Lane	Vacant	05/11/21	550,000
	Thomas A Zukas	Amanda & Tyler Pond	33 Lincoln Avenue	Vacant	04/23/21	250,000
East Quogue	Ernest & Trudy Hirschheimer	Olga Klimova Trust	4 Bluejay Way	Residence	03/16/21	1,250,000
	James K Bartley	Lisa & Richard Leto	704 Aerie Way	Condo	03/10/21	410,000
Flanders	BWinbtwRE Corp	Beatriz E Garcia	29 Dale Avenue	Residence	12/22/20	460,000
Greenport	Jordans Partners LLC	160 Route 25 LLC	Main Road	Vacant	04/08/21	820,000
	Frederick E Davis	Stephen Riley	212 Oak Street	Residence	03/10/21	600,000
Hampton Bays	Hampton Bay Manor LLC	68 Foster LLC	Foster Avenue	Commercial	08/05/20	17,232,833
	17 Windemere Close LLC	David & Jennifer Klausner	17 Windermere Close	Vacant	05/06/21	960,000
	47 Sch St Hampton Bays LLC	NEUE South Properties LLC	47 School Street	Residence	04/28/21	740,000
	Ann McConnell	68 Foster LLC	68 Foster Avenue Unit 21	Condo	08/05/20	719,813
	Pamela Brandt	Robert Holdorf	3 Columbine Avenue	Residence	01/20/21	679,000
	Middle Road Associates I LLC	Alexander S Walters	6 Middle Road	Residence	04/08/21	520,000
	Kimberly & Stephen Grimes	Anthony & Tina Sideratos	5 North Westbury Road	Residence	04/26/21	489,250
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	Diane Barrer	Diane C Viggiano	21 South Fulton Street Unit 26	Condo	04/13/21	835,000
	Smith Family Trust	Justin Marcello	100 DeForest Road Unit 404	Condo	04/07/21	680,000
	Cosimo & Diane Orlando	Kristen Kulchinsky	23 Fort Pond Road Unit 74	Condo	04/03/21	665,000
	Elizabeth & Robert Miller	Departures By Dubusc LLC	5 Gannet Drive	Residence	04/12/21	650,000
	Janice & Thomas Milone	Aimee & Kevin Costigan	23 Fort Pond Road Unit 31	Condo	04/07/21	615,000
	Lawrence Festa	Courtney Lee	29 South Duncan Drive	Vacant	05/05/21	500,000
	Montauk Condo LLC	Kenneth R Hejducek	236 Edgemere Street Unit 113	Condo	03/10/21	220,000
	Dennis & Susan McGowan	Robert & Theresa Gunyan	236 Edgemere Street Unit 142	Condo	03/12/21	195,000
Remsenburg	Carmine Calabro	Barbra & Matthew Villano	15 Felix Avenue	Residence	04/01/21	925,000
Sag Harbor	Susan M Aqeel	Parisa Jaffer	22 Carver Street	Residence	05/12/21	3,900,000
	Gregory & Hayley Thorpe	Barton & Elizabeth Quillen	184 Suffolk Street	Residence	05/10/21	1,989,000
	2theShore LLC	1246 Sagg Road LLC	1246 Sagg Road	Residence	05/14/21	1,950,000
	Ellen Wagner	Beltor Properties LLC	360 Madison Street	Residence	04/21/21	1,800,000
	Veronica Gannon Trust	Ernest J Fuer	312 Madison Street	Residence	04/19/21	1,750,000
	101Co LLC	Gary Davis Trust	21 The Bridge	Vacant	04/23/21	1,548,749
	Matthew & Sheila Guiffrida	William Thompson	57 Long Beach Lane	Residence	04/16/21	1,495,000
	John Jones Trust	Ellen W Morton	31 Hamilton Street	Residence	02/09/21	1,225,000
	Kevin Byrne	Nicole Ullmann	8 Sage Street	Condo	04/07/21	1,175,000
	Peter Balestrieri	Burkeshire LLC	1 Burkeshire Drive	Residence	03/31/21	995,000
	Bernadette & Michael Olsen	Hilary C Osborn	18 Bridge Street Unit 2F	Condo	05/14/21	982,000
Sagaponack	Eugene Kelly	David Malpin	493 Sagaponack Road	Residence	04/15/21	4,595,000
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Southampton	Puffin Hall Trust	Seersucker 2 LLC	385 South Main Street	Residence	04/16/21	11,000,000
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	Kathryn J Lomax	Maximilian Eicke	10 Helens Lane	Residence	05/10/21	1,250,000
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	Lilliann Pavone	Robert Bynum	1385 Old Shipyard Lane	Residence	04/12/21	575,000
	James Moore	Carrie Nadile	13445 Main Bayview Road	Vacant	04/05/21	510,000
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Westhampton	Cynthia & Joe Spracklin	Laurie & Michael D'Arcangelo	27 Baycrest Avenue	Residence	05/07/21	1,800,000
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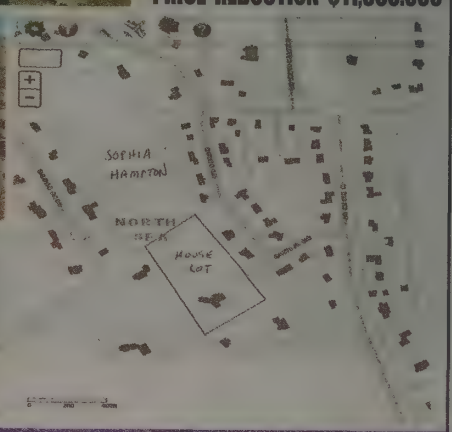

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Little Neck-based Prime Realty, whose agents are intimately familiar with both the city and the Hamptons, are just such real estate professionals primed to help people through the biggest investments of their lives.

Karen Skala, Associate Broker with Prime Realty for the past 14 years brings with her a high qualified level of expertise in residential areas as well as the commercial aspects from New York City to Long Island. Her extensive customer service and business background have only enhanced her into a flourishing career in real estate by listening and understanding what each client needs as well as what expectations they may have.

When we asked her about working with different counties from NYC to the Hamptons, Skala states "We are not just local real estate agents, we know the markets from the tip of Manhattan to the tip of Montauk Point. Knowing both markets is a benefit to anyone looking to buy or sell there."

Her team member, Donna Tribble, a licensed real estate salesperson, has been a dual resident of North East Queens and that of Hampton Bays since the 1980s and whose family owned a restaurant in Westhampton Beach on Main Street in the 90's, agrees with Skala. Tribble states,"Being a current resident of the Hamptons, and former business owner brings a great familiarity of each town, what they each have to offer and what their value is."

What Tribble brings to her clients is a strong dedication and commitment, ensuring that each is handled with the utmost professionalism and care throughout the buying and or selling process. She too like Skala, has an extensive background in customer service and business administration, having a 30year career within the industries of Fashion, Restaurants, Construction, Property Management, and Real Estate.

She adds, "We're a new, strong, energetic team that is dedicated to giving our customers the BEST that there is. It's not only about selling the real estate but it's also about bringing joy to our clients and in turn gaining a new friendship."

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This Week's Cover Artist:

Alexis Rockman

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's cover art was created by lauded New York-based artist Alexis Rockman, who has a long history of visualizing the often apocalyptic collision between human civilization and nature.

His work has been shown at the Brooklyn Museum, the Peabody Essex Museum and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. In 2013, The Drawing Center showcased the watercolor concept paintings that Rockman famously created for director Ang Lee, who had commissioned the paintings to serve as inspiration for his 2012 theatrical adaptation of *Life of Pi*.

Rockman's work is currently on view at Guild Hall in East Hampton in an exciting exhibition curated by Executive Director Andrea Grover titled *Alexis Rockman: Shipwrecks*. The show is a collection of new paintings and works on papers—including this week's cover art "The Whale Strikes Back"—that view Earth's waterways as a network by which language, culture, history, art, cuisine, religion, disease, warfare has spread across the globe. With intense, dreamy illustrations of shipwrecks and cargo lost overboard, Rockman addresses the impact of migration, colonization and trade on the planet. The exhibition is on view Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. through July 26.

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"HAWAII" BY ALEXIS ROCKMAN

Tell us about "The Whale Strikes Back" and the inspiration behind this action-packed piece.

Any project about the history of shipwrecks must have a whaling image. "The Whale Strikes Back" is from the point of view of the whale and is a key work in my exhibition *Alexis Rockman: Shipwrecks*. This work was inspired by a fantastic 19th century maritime painting by Charles S. Raleigh—I did my own version.

What makes this piece such an ideal fit for a *Dan's Papers* cover?

"The Whale Strikes Back" is the perfect cover for *Dan's Papers* because it can remind us of the rich history of the East End of Long Island. Whales and whaling were a way of life for centuries, especially in Sag Harbor, where my wife and I have spent many wonderful years. Now, hopefully, we just want to watch and enjoy the whales alive.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I'm thrilled to be able to show *Alexis Rockman: Shipwrecks* exhibition at Guild Hall. Curator Andrea Grover and her staff were great to work with. It is a dream come true.

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806 or visit guildhall.org for more information.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Eric Fischl's Saints of Sag Harbor: Part V

BY BRIDGET LEROY

The religious past and the art-as-religion future have intersected within the walls of the Sag Harbor Church, a cultural hub with famed artists/activists April Gornik and Eric Fischl as the founders, and Sara Cochran as executive director.

The soaring building is home to 20 windows; it is there, explains Fischl, where the "arts saints of Sag Harbor, the dead saints, will be canonized." Fischl's artistic contribution to the historical narrative of those of who were drawn to the East End as a vortex of creativity shine down from the portals surrounding the space.

For more information about programs, visit sagharborchurch.org

Dan's Papers *is showcasing two windows a week for 10 weeks, with Fischl's light-hearted responses when asked the irreverent question, "What would this luminary be the patron saint of, besides Sag Harbor?*

GARY MAMAY

OLIVIA BUSH-BANKS BY ERIC FISCHL

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PRENTICE MULFORD BY ERIC FISCHL

Olivia Ward Bush-Banks (1869–1944)

"Olivia Ward Bush-Banks is our patron saint of poetry and harmonious life through interracial culture," Fischl says. "She is the preserver of ethnic dialects and the spoken word of the Algonquin Montaukett's and the Afro-American experience."

Olivia Ward Bush-Banks was born on Glover Street in Sag Harbor, and moved as an infant with her family to Rhode Island. She returned to the Sag Harbor area many times to attend tribal meetings around the turn of the century when Native Americans were vying for civil rights.

Bush-Banks was a dramatist, essayist, editor and published poet, and her writing reflects her rich heritage. She was featured regularly in the journal *Colored America*, and she served as anofficial historian for the Montaukett Nation. Her books include *Driftwood* and *The Trail of Montauk (A Dramatic Sketch of Indian Life)*. A compilation has been published, titled *The Collected Works of Olivia Ward Bush-Banks*. Bush-Banks became an advocate for the New Negro Movement and developed her own Bush-Banks School of Expression, a nexus for writers, musicians, actors and artists of color. She also participated in the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s. Her friends included Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Paul Robeson, Julia Ward Howe and W.E.B. DuBois.

Prentice Mulford (1834–1891)

Eric Fischl: "Bohemian saint of philosophy with a healthy disregard for money. He helped move us away from ancient thinking into New Thought with his modern assertion that 'Thoughts are things,' selfhood is divine and that 'right thinking' has the power to heal."

Prentice Mulford was an author and literary humorist born in what was then the Mansion House Hotel, now the Municipal Building on Main Street in Sag Harbor. The hotel was owned by his father. Mulford moved to California in 1856 where he spent several years in mining towns, and later became well known as part of the San Franciscan "Bohemians." In the late 1850s, groups of young, cultured journalists deemed themselves Bohemians, flourishing in cities across America. The San Franciscan Bohemians, and their "Bohemian Grove," still exist today.

Mulford wrote for a paper called *The Golden Era* in San Francisco, and became a prolific writer, editor and lecturer, returning to New York City in 1872. The New Thought philosophy he founded with Ralph Waldo Emerson, among others, still has a following. Mulford's books and guides for it were *Thoughts Are Things* (which can be seen on his gravestone at the Oakland Cemetery) and *Your Forces and How to Use Them*, which are still being read today. He also coined the term "Laws of Attraction."

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Drawing last week of the month beginning In June. Email your selfie to: bleroy@danspapers.com

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Peconic Avenue, Riverhead

French Fries
by Hans Van de Bovenkamp
The Great Lawn, 32 Main Street,
Westhampton Beach

Green Thunder
by Hans Van de Bovenkamp
903 Montauk Highway,
Water Mill

Intrepid Cloud
by Hans Van de Bovenkamp 2113
Montauk Highway,
Water Mill

Aphrodite's Sister
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Oh, Ophylia,Why
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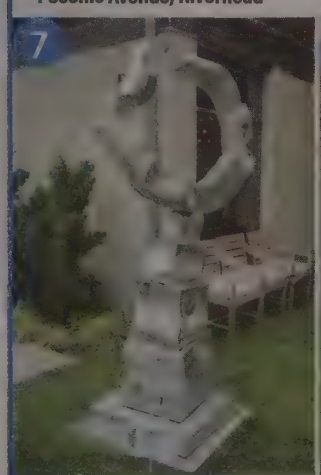

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by Hans Van de Bovenkamp
2405 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton

PHOTOS BY BARBARA LASSEN

So much to learn

Photo by Carlos Barria/REUTERS

Opal Lee (second from l.), 94, at the president's side as he prepares to sign the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

I had considered myself an educated person of American history until this week, when I learned the history and meaningfulness of **Juneteenth**.

The new federal holiday — which was unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate — commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

As **President Joe Biden** signed the **Juneteenth National Independence Day Act** into law last week, he eloquently said Juneteenth is "a day in which we remember the moral stain, the terrible toll that slavery took on the country and continues to take — what I've long called 'America's original sin.'"

It was a bipartisan decision borne out of the vision of 94-year-old **Opal Lee**, whom President Biden described as "a daughter of Texas [and] grandmother of the movement to make Juneteenth a federal holiday."

The last enslaved people were emancipated in Texas on June, 19, 1865 — a historic day on many levels. Juneteenth is a time to remember and celebrate that moment in our history.

Opal Lee's effort proved that the power of perseverance and vision can drive change.

Ironically, another powerful, determined woman also made history last weekend.

I was invited to the opening of the new **Southampton African American Museum**, on the busy North Sea Road.

The journey to that day took 16 years of devoted, persistent pursuit and the catalyst behind its completion is **Brenda Simmons**, who worked tirelessly to see her dream come true.

The site of the museum was originally purchased for $10 by a descendant of slaves. The property was used as a barber shop and beauty salon in the 1950s and became a gathering place for the community.

Now, that space has been transformed into a different kind of gathering place, one for us all to learn about the journey from slavery.

As the president said at the bill signing, "Great nations don't ignore their most painful moments. They don't ignore those moments of the past. They embrace them. Great nations don't walk away. We come to terms with the mistakes we made. And in remembering those moments, we begin to heal and grow stronger." What powerful words!

With persistence and passion, Simmons and Opal Lee never lost sight of their missions and achieved their goals!

Photo by Hailey Burling

Brenda Simmons at the opening of the Southampton African American Museum.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently announced that, under the **Juneteenth Economic Justice Plan**, the city will promote the education and career success of Black and low-income students by providing over 2,800 four-year CUNY ACE model scholarships valued at $4,000 per year.

The investment will help cover gaps in financial aid, books, transportation and advising for eligible students and will help students gain technical skills, academic credit or paid internships, work experience, career preparation support and engagement with the community, and STEM-focused career placement opportunities.

"To begin to repair harms of the past, New York City is investing in the future and building generational wealth," the mayor said.

Remembering and learning from past mistakes is what makes us take action so we don't repeat those mistakes.

That's why we are a great nation!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The bonding, seen here with Morgan and Sloane, is what it's all about!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

East End Fireworks Return for Fourth of July 2021

BY FINN HARTNETT

While the lingering effects of the pandemic mean that some Fourth of July fireworks displays have been cancelled or postponed once again this year, many are back across the East End. Celebrate the holiday with this guide to spectacular shows across the Hamptons and North Fork, which includes dates, approximate start times and more helpful info.

HAMPTONS

Southampton
Friday, July 2 ~ 9:15 p.m.

Southampton Fresh Air Home's annual picnic fundraiser is cancelled this year as a COVID precaution, just as it was last year. Fortunately, their fireworks display will happen, occurring over Shinnecock Bay. The fireworks display is free, although donations are recommended to support the Fresh Air Home organization, which runs a summer camp for young people with phyiscal disabilities.

sfah.org

East Hampton
Saturday, July 17 ~ 9:30 p.m.

The Clamshell Foundation, who took it upon themselves to begin hosting fireworks displays over Three Mile Harbor in 2009, will illuminate the bay with help from the famous Grucci. Good viewing spots include Maidstone Park, Gann Road, and Sammy's Beach. This year, all donations from the fireworks show will go toward scholarships for East End children, after school programs and more.

clamshellfoundation.org

JUSTIN MEINKEN

THE CLAMSHELL FOUNDATION FIREWORKS DISPLAY

NORTH FORK

Riverhead
Thursday, July 1 ~ 9:15 p.m. & Saturday, July 3

The annual Riverhead street festival Alive on 25, which boasts live music, local food and drink and fun artist exhibits and activities, kicks off the summer 2021 series on July 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is free and will take place on Main Street, from Griffing to McDermott Avenue. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m.

downtownriverhead.org/alive-on-25

A few streets away, Riverhead Raceway is hosting an assortment of car races the evening before Independence Day, July 3. Among the festivities will be a Demolition Derby, a kids' Big Wheel race and, of course, lots of fireworks as the sun goes down.

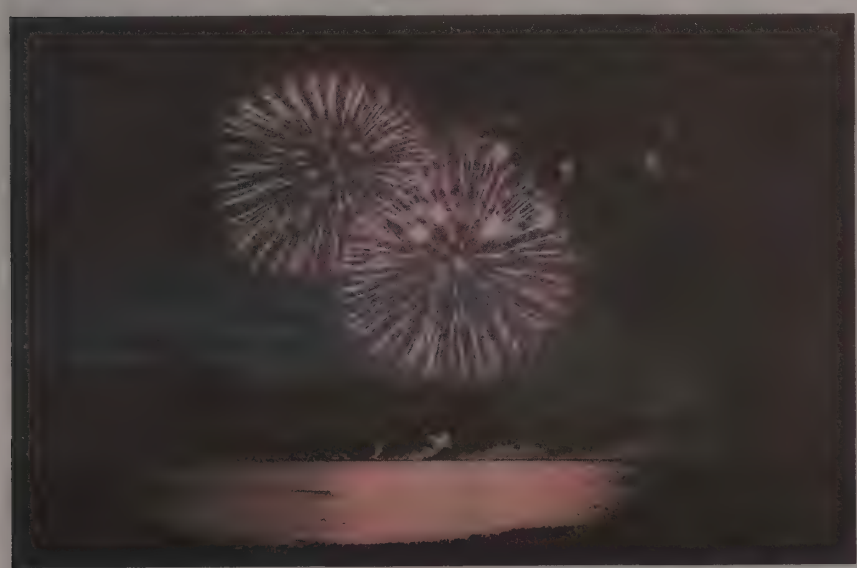
riverheadraceway.com

Orient
Saturday, July 3 ~ 9:15 p.m.

The nonprofit organization Orient Harbor July 4th Festivities, Inc. will be hosting their annual Grucci fireworks display over Orient Harbor on Saturday.

orientfireworks.com

At press time, dates and times have not been confirmed for the annual Westhampton Country Club show, Montauk Chamber of Commerce display, Shelter Island Fireworks and the North Sea Fire Department Carnival. The Devon Yacht Club is not having fireworks until late August, and Sag Harbor Yacht Club's John A. Ward Independence Day Fireworks have been cancelled.



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SEE COLORFUL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ACROSS THE HAMPTONS AND NORTH FORK

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Our Amazing History: The Circassian

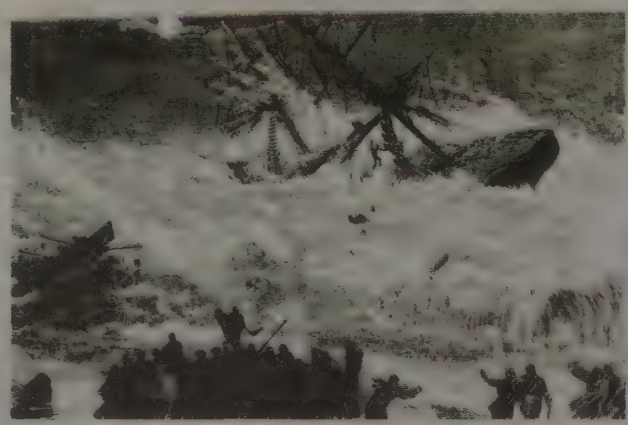
BY DAN RATTINER

Just after a bitter cold Thanksgiving in 1876, a winter storm hit the Hamptons. It was not particularly bad at first, but it hung around. On December 11, those on the beach saw a very large cargo ship stuck on a bar 400 yards off Mecox Bay.

The ship was the Circassian, and the ship's grounding became a disaster of such proportions that many involved remembered it for the rest of their lives.

The Circassian had been built in 1856 as a 280-foot-long iron-hulled freighter with both sails and steam engines. Ten years later the steam engines, now very old and out of date, were removed. This gave it an even larger capacity for carrying heavy cargo. But now it was entirely powered by sail.

The Circassian left Liverpool on November 6, 1876 bound for New York carrying, among other things, 41,000 bath bricks (scourers), 600 tons of caustic soda, 280 barrels of soda crystals, 87 casks of bleaching powder, 281 bags of hide pieces, 100 cases of sauce and much else, totalling 1,400 tons of industrial freight. The crew totaled 38.



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Officers from three different life-saving stations—Mecox, Southampton and Georgica—were soon on the beach with others eager to help. Also soon arriving were freight agents from New York City, men from the Coast Wrecking Company and a wreck master, a government agent who was on hand to see that cargo is delivered to those people for whom it was intended.

Small boats were sent out to remove some of the crew. Sixteen remained, and soon greeted Captain John Lewis of New York, a former master of the Circassian, taken aboard to supervise the transfer of the cargo to small boats. He arrived at the Circassian with three engineers, two local men and 11 young Shinnecocks from the nearby reservation.

On December 27, the storm turned into a full-blown nor'easter. All were of the opinion this was a good thing because the Circassian, now lightened, would break free on a high tide. But the situation just got worse and worse. Finally, only one small boat could get through. Tied alongside, its captain, Luther Burnett, announced this would be the last boat and all should climb in and be taken to shore, but Captain Lewis refused. He was still convinced the ship would lift and get off.

It never did. Soon waves crashed over the hull and in the freezing rain, those aboard climbed the iron masts to keep clear of the ocean. Late at night, people ashore saw men in the rigging covered with ice, many of them Shinnecocks who could be heard singing and praying until they died.

The next night, December 30, the ship split in two and sank. Soon bodies were washing ashore.

Ten Shinnecock men—David W. Bunn, J. Franklin Bunn, Russell Bunn, William Cuffee, George Cuffee, Warren Cuffee, Oliver Kellis, Robert Lee, John Walker and Lewis Walke—were buried on the reservation. An eleventh, Alfonso Eleazer, had wisely taken an earlier boat to shore. The bodies of Captain Lewis and three engineers were taken to New York. The remaining 14 workers were buried in the graveyard in East Hampton by Town Pond.

At this time, there were only about 175 people living on the reservation. It devastated the Tribe, but there were 25 children among them and they carried on.

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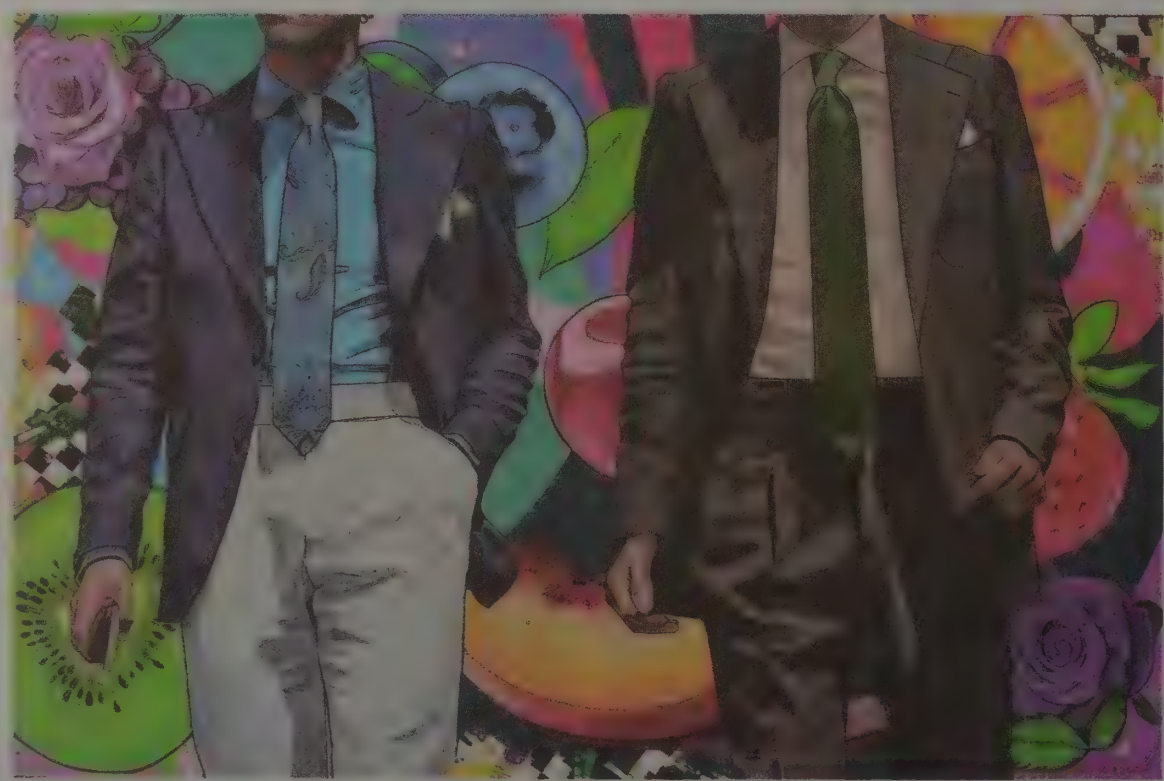

Samara Shuter, Sweet Talking, Oil and Oil Pastel on Canvas, 48x72"

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CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

LIVE SHOWS

TOVAH FELDSHUH IN BECOMING DR. RUTH

JUNE 25 & 26, 8 P.M.

While many know Dr. Ruth as a world-famous sex therapist, her life story is a bit more elaborate. Follow six-time Emmy and Tony Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh as she chronicles the doctor's formative years escaping Nazi Germany, living as an orphan in Switzerland, and becoming a sharpshooter in the Israeli armed forces. Tickets can be purchased on the website ahead of time in pods of up to four guests each.
1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org

AMERICAN GODDESS BOOK-SIGNING AND CLASSIC MOVIE SCREENING

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2 P.M.

Join Jean Patchett, a world-renowned model and style icon in the 1950s, as she signs her new novel and answers your fashion-forward questions. The work explores the story of her journey from a small town in Maryland to the runways of New York. Following the book signing, enjoy a free screening of *Funny Face*, the 1957 musical romantic comedy starring Fred Astair and Audrey Hepburn. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time on the website.
76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org

SOME SEASIDE LANDMARKS AND THEIR STORIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 11 A.M.

Fans of Hamptons history won't want to miss this presentation by Gilded Age society legend Gary Lawrence at St. Andrew's Dune Church. Admission is $5, and tickets can be purchased ahead of time online.
12 Dune Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2494, southamptonhistory.org

DAN BAILEY TRIBE AT COOPERS BEACH

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 5 P.M.

Into soul, funk and reggae? Then you'll relish in this summer-influenced mingling of sound on Southhampton's pristine Coopers Beach. Top female percussionist Mila Tina will be accompanying the inspiring evening on drum set and African drums.
268 Meadow Lane, Southampton. 631-680-9821, milatinamusic.com

LYNN BLUE AT THE CLUBHOUSE

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6 P.M.

The Clubhouse Hamptons is known for its juicy burgers, mouth-watering lobster rolls and fancy fresh salads. Lynn Blue is renowned for her sweet acoustic cover sets and jingles for companies like M&Ms and KFC. Together, they're a classic Hamptons combo that can't be missed.
174 Daniel's Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-2695, lynnbluemusic.com

KARAOKE AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 10 P.M.

The Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett has been showcasing local talent for decades, and you're the next rising star! Guests ages 21 and over can croon to their hearts' content while enjoying new friends and on-tap beers. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased on the website ahead of time.
161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

WESTHAMPTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 9 A.M.–1 P.M.

Nothing says the Hamptons on a Saturday better than a farmers market bustling with folks and lots of locally-grown, artisanal food choices. Free-range chicken, fruits, cheese and local wine are just a few of the treasures you can show off once you get home. And the locals can give you lots of tips on the best ways to prepare your discoveries.
9-1 Beach Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3337, westhamptonchamber.org

PADDLE THROUGH DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN TERRITORY

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 11 A.M.

Explore the waters of the Northwest Harbor by kayak as you search for diamondback terrapins, a species of turtle native to brackish marshes. Registration is available on a first come, first-served basis by email or phone call. The cost is $10 for non-members and free for members, but you'll need to bring your own kayak.
377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, info@soho.org, sofo.org

Hamptons Events

GOING ORGANIC: ROSES IN YOUR GARDEN

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 3–4:30 P.M.

Believe it or not, you can grow your delightful garden roses organically! Join Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics as he discusses noteworthy techniques

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for organic rose care. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased ahead of time if you call or email. The event will be canceled if there is heavy rain.
36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-283-3195, events@peconiclandtrust.org, peconiclandtrust.org

POP-UP PLEIN AIR SERIES WITH ARTIST BARBARA THOMAS

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 10 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
Beginner-to-advanced watercolor creators will savor this opportunity to render interpretations of gorgeous Bridgehampton landscapes. You'll also have a chance to learn to bind your portfolio using a Japanese-style technique. Register ahead of time through email and you'll need to bring your own supplies.
2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-1088, info@bhmuseum.org, bhmuseum.org

VIRTUAL EVENTS

"ESTRANGED" BY ELENA LESSER BUNN

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 6 P.M.
This special online author event is for you if you've ever lost touch with a relative or friend and would like to reconnect. Register on the East Hampton Library website or call ahead. The Zoom password and meeting ID will be emailed to you.
631-324-0222 Ext. 3, easthamptonlibrary.org

SCULPT AND CARDIO DANCE SERIES VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 10 A.M.
Fans of getting fit while having some fun will enjoy being able to tone and sculpt from the comfort of their homes. Join Leisa DeCarlo, a New York-based dance instructor and choreographer for this Quogue Library-sponsored event. You can register for this Zoom on their website.
631-653-4224, quoguelibrary.org

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

VIRTUAL LIVE ZOOM: BREATHE TOGETHER

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 10 A.M.
Enjoy virtual breathing for stress relief and optimal health from your living room or backyard. All you need to do is click on the Zoom meeting session on the Hamptons Library website. The meeting ID and passcode there, too.
631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary.org

VIRTUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL BREAD WITH VANILLA DRIZZLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 6:30 P.M.
Budding culinarians will delight in this virtual opportunity to create a tempting treat from wherever you've got a kitchen. Chef Rob Scott will guide you through the baking process. You can email beforehand to arrange for the pick up of your own "grab and go" kit if you're a Hampton Bays Library cardholder. Otherwise, give the library a call and find out what ingredients you should have at the ready!
dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

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YOU CAN DANCE AND EXERCISE FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

ART EXHIBITIONS

SAC ARTISAN FAIR

JUNE 26 & 27, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.
Explore the wares and works of artists, sculptors, ceramicists, jewelers, photographers and artisans at this two-day artisan fair on Southampton Arts Center's grounds.
25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. southamptonartscenter.org

AMAGANSETT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

JUNE 26 & 27, 10 A.M.–6 P.M.
Sculpture, jewelry and paintings are just some of the treasures you'll discover while sauntering through the bustling-yet-quaint American Legion Hall in Amagansett. Portraits and photographs will also energize your spirit. Parking is free.
15 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. 610-864-3500, amagansettfinearts.com

MARY ABBOTT: THE LIVING POSSIBILITY OF PAINT

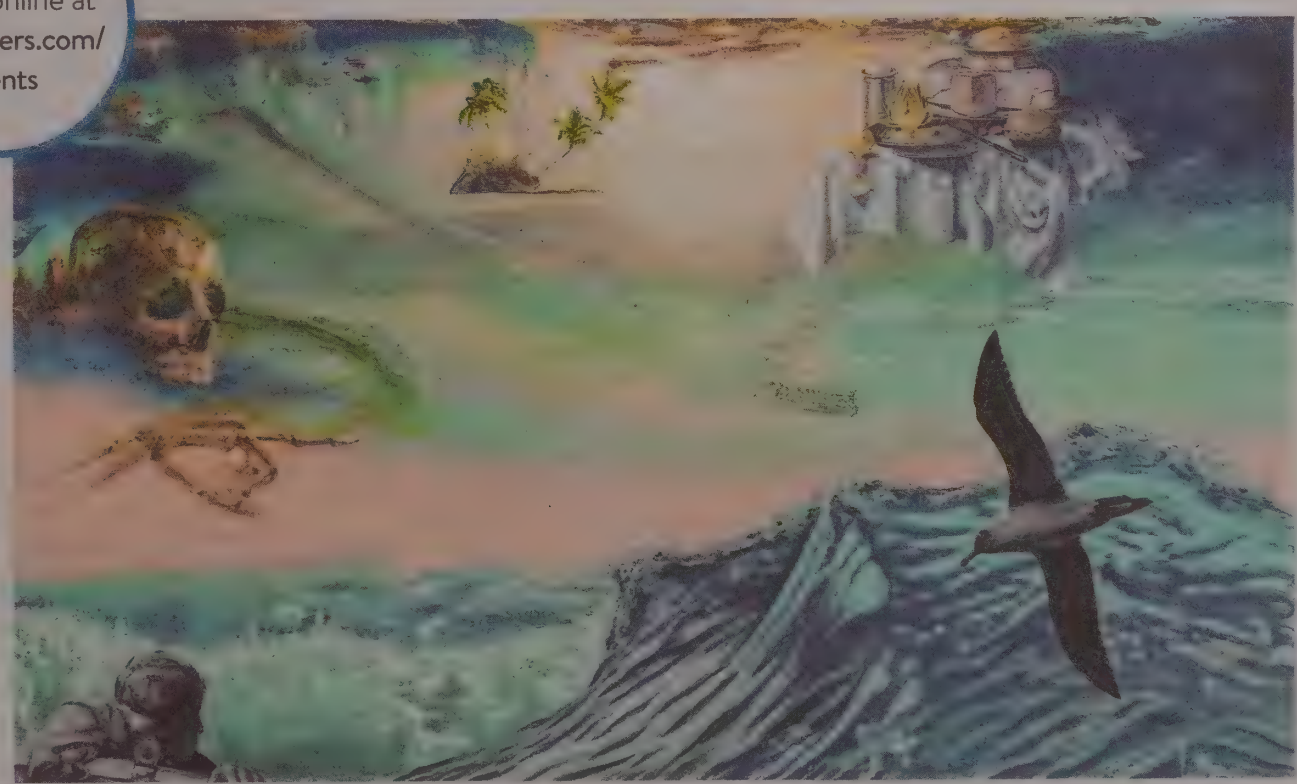
ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 25.
Mary Abbott, a renowned abstract artist, graced the New York metro area with her work until she passed away in 2019 at age 98. This exhibition focuses on her paintings from the 1950s. Viewing the gallery is included in the price of admission to the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, which is $15 for adults and $10 for children under age 12. You must call ahead for an advanced reservation.
830 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-324-4929, stonybrook.edu/pkhouse

REALITY...AND THEN SOME

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 30.
Ric Michel Fine Art's *Reality...and Then Some* group show presents a body of realist, hyperrealist and surrealist works examining upheaval, disorientation and distortion, which are increasingly the reality of our times. Featured artists include Andriy Halashyn, Pedro Bonnin, Shay Kun, Kevin Peterson, Bruce Evans, Joseph Miller, Elise Remender, Christopher Stevens, Shane McAdams, Scott Allen Roberts, Samara Shuter, Jessica Brilli, Stephen Hansen and Daniel Pollera. Call for gallery hours.
46 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 516-655-1432, ricmichelfineart.com

A PLEASURE TO THE EYE AT THE SAG HARBOR WHALING AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 31.
View incredible photographs of Sag Harbor and the East End taken around 1895 by local painter and art collector William Wallace Tooker. The museum is open Thursdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by phone up to one week in advance.
200 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0770, sagharborwhalingmuseum.org



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"WAKING DREAM" BY ALEXIS ROCKMAN

NORTH FORK EVENTS

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

LIVE SHOWS

PEAT MOSS AND THE FERTILIZERS AT CLAUDIOS WATERFRONT

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 9 P.M.

For over 150 years, Claudios of Greenport has been a favorite of North Fork locals and Sunday drivers alike. Claudios on Main is known for its crackling seafood, fizzy cocktails and marvelous coastal views. Fans of live music while dining will appreciate being accompanied by Peat Moss and the Fertilizers. You can call ahead or go online to book a reservation.

111 Main Street, Greenport. 631-477-0627, claudios.com

TRIVIA THURSDAY

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 6 P.M.

Put your thinking cap on and join Greenport Harbor Brewing Company for trivia and beer at their Peconic location. The winner receives a $25 gift certificate.

42155 Main Road, Peconic. 631-477-1100, greenportharborbrewing.com

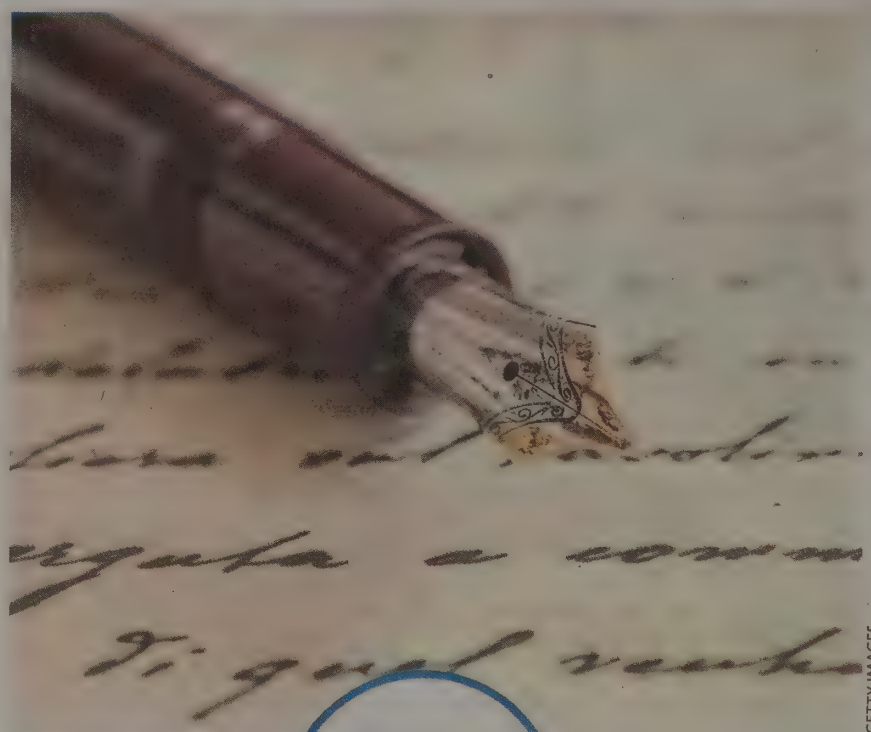
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CITYSCAPE SELF-GUIDED SEVEN-MILE BIKE TOUR

WEEKDAYS, BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.

Amateurs and experienced bikers alike will appreciate this short-and-sweet bike tour that will cycle you through vineyard options, lunch spots and even a stop at one of the North Fork's oldest farm stands. Self-guided tours mean that you're in control of your route and bike schedule. Rentals that include a hybrid bike, helmet, digital route map and voice-guided GPS are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can call up to 48 hours ahead of time to make an early reservation. Just make sure you return that bike by 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and by 6 p.m. on Saturday.

13200 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-871-1666, eastendbiketours.com



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POETRY MAKES GREAT BRUNCH CONVERSATION

North Fork Events

HERITAGE WALK

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 10 A.M.

Meet at the entrance of the Southhold Library to uncover the area's history along Traveler Street, Youngs Avenue and Hummel Avenue. You can get tickets to this free event ahead of time on the library's website.

53705 Main Street, Southold. 631-765-2077, southoldlibrary.org

SYLVESTER MANOR FARM TOURS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Embark on one of two Sylvester Manor Educational Farm tours with one of the farmers, as you walk through the fields and pastures to learn how the farm grows vegetables, produces compost and raises livestock.

21 Manwaring Road, Shelter Island. sylvestermanor.org

OUTDOOR PHOTO TREK WITH MARINDA GATEWOOD

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 5:30–7:30 P.M.

Budding photographers of all levels will appreciate this opportunity to explore light, landscapes and waterscapes of the East End through the lenses of their cameras. You'll need your own tripod, as well as a face covering. Purchase single classes or 3-class sessions on the East End Arts website.

133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-0900, eastendarts.org

COURTESY SYLVESTER MANOR EDUCATIONAL FARM

SYLVESTER MANOR FARM DIRECTOR CRISTINA COSENTINO ON THE FARM

VIRTUAL EVENTS

BRUNCH POEMS WITH VIVIAN EYRE

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 10:30 A.M.

Local North Fork author Vivian Eyre is known for her books and poems. Join this month's Zoom discussion of Ada Limon's book The Carrying by emailing the Floyd Memorial Library for the link.

631-477-0660, floydmemoriallibrary.org

CHAIR AND RESTORATIVE YOGA

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 10 A.M.

Restorative yoga is known for its use of longer poses and props to help you hold postures effortlessly while restoring body and mind. This event is designed to increase your balance and strength while allowing stress to take the Jitney back to the city. Register online for this Zoom event sponsored by the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library.

631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

10 SQUARED ART EXHIBITION AND SALE ENTITLED SUMMER SOLSTICE

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 31.

View excellent creations by local artists that are available for purchase for $100 per piece. Half of the proceeds from each sale will benefit the Southold Historical Society. All works are exactly ten inches by ten inches.

54325 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-5500, southoldhistoricalsociety.org

NORTH FORK CHOCOLATE COMPANY ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

ON VIEW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5.

Most of the year, the North Fork Chocolate Company is known throughout the breezy Hamptons for its homemade ice cream, fresh-to-order Belgium waffles and organic coffee and tea. This summer, however, you can stop in for a treat and enjoy the local photographer Barbara Lassen and the artwork of chef and painter Steven Amaral. Lassan is well-known for her portraiture business, and Amaral's work is famously inspired by his travels. Their work is available for purchase during normal business hours.

740 Main Road, Aquebogue. 631-779-2963, northforkchocolate.com

KIDS EVENTS

COURTESY VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

GREENPORT CAROUSEL

Out & About with the kids

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

JUST FOR KIDS ICAMP STEAM DAY CAMP

OPEN WEEKDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 9 A.M.–3 P.M.

Mini-learners will relish the opportunity to learn about coding, drones and video game design in a caring, nature-inspired environment. An ideal 4:1 staff-to-camper ratio ensures maximum safety and support. You can book your sessions weekly on the iCamp website, and sibling discounts are available.

60 Millstone Road, Bridgehampton. 631-466-5298, info@icamp.com, icamp.com/hamptons-summer-2021

KIDS CAMP AT JB YOGA

JUNE 28–JULY 1, NOON–3:30 P.M.

Little yogis ages 5–13 will enjoy learning about mindfulness and movement while practicing yoga and stand-up paddling. Floating and swimming are also part of the fun. You can book your child's week-long session ahead of time on the website for either the Sag Harbor or East Hampton location.

Sag Harbor and East Hampton. 917-301-6919, jessica@jbyoga.com, jbyoga.com

STEAM: 3-D CITY SKYLINE

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:45–11:45 A.M.

Kids from Kindergarten through Grade 3 will enjoy using woodblocks, cubes and sticks to create an impressive replica of the city skyline. You can register on the ActiveKids website ahead of time. Tickets are $20, but you get a $10 discount if you're a member.

93 Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton. 631-604-2777, activekids.com

EH LIBRARY STORIES AND CRAFTS

MONDAY, JUNE 28. 3:30 P.M.

Gifted storytellers from both Guild Hall and the East Hampton Library will lead youngsters over age 3 in an hour of stories, gallery tours and even art workshops. Sessions will take place both indoors and outdoors at Guild Hall. You can purchase tickets ahead of time on the Guild Hall website for all adults and children in your group.

158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-3240806, guildhall.org

MEET THE MARTINS: PURPLE MARTIN LIFE CYCLE, EGGS & HATCHED CHICKS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Your tots will relish in the chance to view just-hatched Purple Martins and newly-laid eggs at this special event presented by the South Fork Natural History Museum. The fee is $10 for adults and $7 for children, but members are free. The event is first-come, first-served. You can register ahead of time through phone or email.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

FUN FAMILY ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

THE CANDIED ANCHOR

Any Hamptons visitor with a sweet tooth will love this groovy candy shop with an old-fashioned feel. In addition to a fine selection of candy, you can find unique baked goods like homemade marshmallows, pies in a jar and goat's milk caramels. And you won't want to miss out on their Mermaid Tea options.

721 Main Street, Montauk. 631-668-8038, candiedanchor.com

COOPERS BEACH

While many Hamptons beaches are known for their clean, uncrowded charm, Coopers Beach earns rave reviews from parents and tots. A snack bar, picnic tables and lifeguards dot the bright blue landscape, and you can stay to watch the sun go down with fine live entertainment.

298 Meadow Lane, Southampton. 631-287-3450, southamptonvillage.org/facilities/facility/details/coopersbeach-6

GREENPORT CAROUSEL

Enjoy family fun in Greenport with this 100-year-old carousel for only $2 a ride. Through Labor Day weekend, you can visit the attraction every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

115 Front Street, Greenport. 631-477-2200, villageofgreenport.org

LEWIN FARMS

Your kids will love to pick their own raspberries, blueberries and peaches every day except Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There's also a farm stand offering fresh and juicy fruits and veggies. The farm only accepts cash, but there's an ATM on the premises.

812 Sound Avenue, Calverton. 631-929-4327, lewinfarm.com

LONG ISLAND GAME FARM

Your visit here includes giraffes, zebras, baby goats and much more. Enjoy lunch at the snack bar or a pony ride with your tots. The farm is open every day until October. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on the weekends.

489 Chapman Boulevard, Manorville. 631-878-6644, longislandgamefarm.com

LT BURGER

A classic with Hamptons locals and visitors alike, LT Burger is especially well known for its kid appeal. With video games, gumball machines, and crayons at the ready, littles can choose from a fine selection of burgers and shakes. The eatery is open for lunch and dinner every day except Tuesday.

62 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-899-4646, ltburger.com

MAGIC FOUNTAIN

Kids will go wild for this home-spun ice cream shop with friendly flavors like cake mix and Almond Joy, while parents might enjoy the uniquely vegan selection. You can also choose from colorful cakes and tasty toppings.

9825 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4908, magicfountainlongisland.com

SPLISH SPLASH

If your kids can't get enough summer splashy fun, visit this popular waterpark that's open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. most weekdays, and until 7 p.m. on the weekends. There's also a Kiddie area for your tiniest adventurers. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online, with season tickets and group discounts available.

2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton. 631-727-3600, splishsplash.com

SHELTER ISLAND WHALE'S TALE

Enjoy a day of ice cream (or frozen yogurt) and mini-golf at this nautical-themed course located in the heart of Shelter Island.

3 Ram Island Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-1839, shelterislandwhalestale.com

STEVENSON'S TOY STORE

If you're looking for something cool with your tiny tourists, check out this local gem with vintage options such as pinball and Packman arcades, table tennis and pool scooters.

69 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2111, stevensonstoys.com

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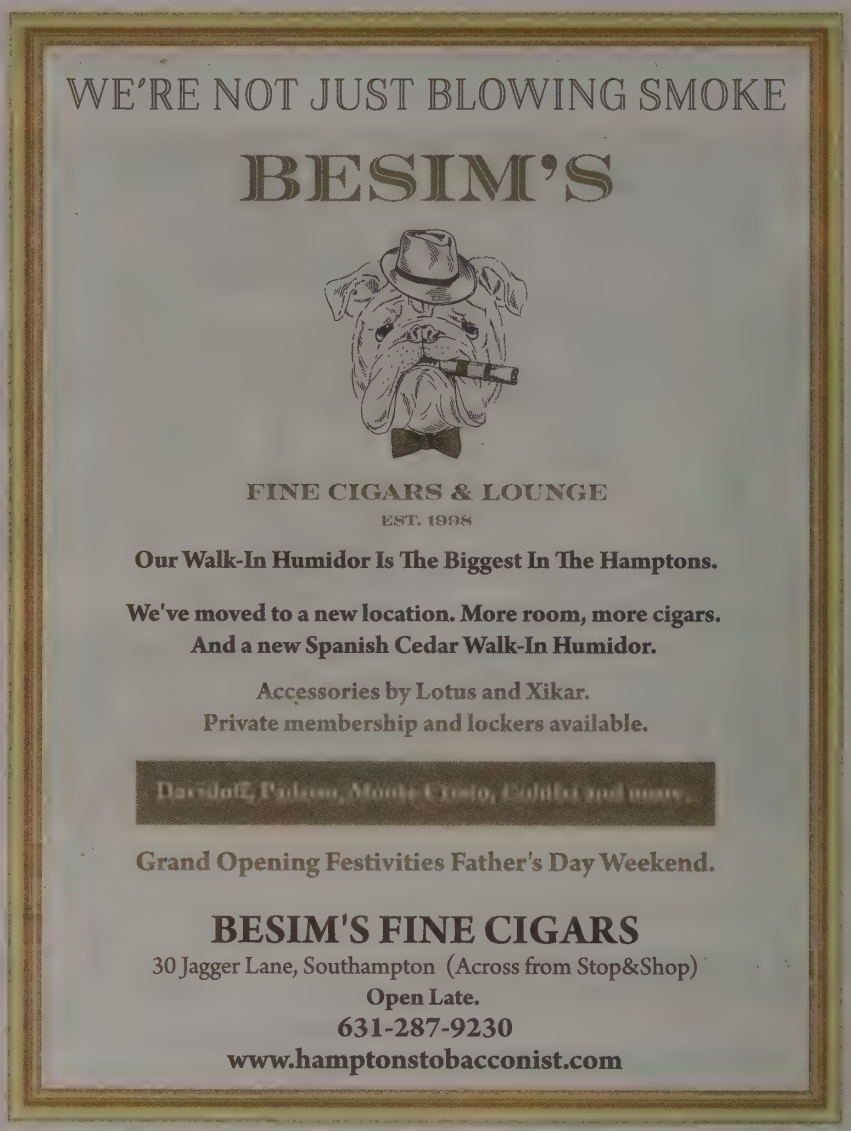
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Crash, Bang, Oops:

A Few Things Overheard Around Town as the Summerpeople Settle In

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BY DAN RATTINER

MIKHAIL AZAROV

A MAN IN WORKING CLOTHES IN WINTER REMOVES SNOW FROM THE ROAD WITH A SHOVEL

I spent $2296.44 this winter one day shoveling my driveway. That's how bad it was. I will explain.

This is not a long driveway. It's about ten carlengths up a hill to the flat place at the back of my house where we have the basketball hoop attached to the front of the garage. And in prior years I had a special way of not having to spend the $80 to have somebody plow it. Why give $80 to somebody else for five minutes work with a snowplow when I could do it myself?

It's been thirty good years of not spending a dime plowing the driveway with my method. And it's always been the same.

The morning of the snowstorm, I drive to work as I always do, backing down my driveway, then making the ninety degree turn at the bottom and heading off. That day it snows ten inches. But not to worry. At the end of the day, I drive home, but when I get to the place where I would normally turn to just drive up the driveway, I stop out on the road to size up the situation.

The street has been plowed. A beard of snow about two feet high stretches across the mouth of my driveway. Put my vehicle in four wheel drive and low gear, and I take a deep breath.It takes a good deal of coordination to do what I do. Or did what I did all those years. I look up and down Three Mile Harbor Road to make sure nobody is coming either way, rev the engine of my car – in prior years this has been a Montero, a Navigator, an Explorer, whatever – and like a bullfighter, I drop the transmission down into first and slowly describe a wide semicircle away from my driveway, parallel to my driveway on the opposite side of the street, and then toward my driveway. As I do this, I step on the gas. The car lurches forward, it picks up speed, and WHAM! It hits the beard of snow and blasts grandly through and then continues on, still picking up speed as it goes up the hill, the four wheel drives spinning, the front bumper and grille pushing everything out of the way, and it gets about halfway up – this is five carlengths – then begins to lose steam, but then finally, just before it is about to lose its grip, it reaches the level basketball part of the driveway and I bring it to a stop right in front of the garage door.

There will be no kids playing basketball during the snowstorm of course. It is safe here all the way up the hill. And behind, it leaves two beautiful deep tracks in the snow coming up, so that when I back down the way I came up, I will have no further trouble with the snow or even with any new snow beard down at the bottom because my trusty back bumper will simply bash through what is new just as my front bumper bashed through what was old on the way up.

Bingo. No eighty bucks spent.

It's been three years since we've had any snow on the ground for me to bash through. In the interim, I have bought a brand new Tahoe. This is even bigger and better with its 4 wheel capabilities than the ones that have come before.

And so it was, I came home the day of the first of the snowstorm, sized up the snow beard, waited until there was no traffic, dropped down into first, made the big semicircle across the street, and picked up speed to bash through and all the way up to the flat part at the top.

Success.

But when I got out of my car, I noticed that there were pieces of the front of my car embedded at various angles into the snowmound that it had plowed up.

I was horrified. I pulled one out. It wiggled in my hand, some sort of Rubbermaid front bumper, some kind of bendable plastic fender panel.

Where was the good old American Steel made in the U. S. A front end that I had known to be put on the front of American cars in days of yore?

Agggh!!!

$1,996.44 later, the front end of my car had been screwed or snapped or velcroed back onto the front of my car. And three $100 bills later for actual snowplow people three snowstorms later, I was $2,296.44 lighter than before the winter started.

But I'm not too sad. I think we had ten winters with snow in the last thirty since I bought my house. And some winters we had two snowstorms. At $80 saved for each one, I guess I'd been about $1,100 ahead before we got to this winter. It was like Vegas. You win and win and get ahead of the game, and then – wham – they hit you with the big loss. But you had fun for so long.

And of course, the fault was all mine. I never made any connection to any future snowstorms when I heard the car salesmen start calling front bumpers crumple zones.

Everybody's got 'em now. And a good thing too. It's like keeping the baby in the babyseat in the back. Just another new thing in your car that can save your family's life. But for me, at least this year, lightens your wallet.

DAN'S LOOK BACK

The Coastguardsman Who Blew the Whistle on the Nazis at Amagansett

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BY DAN RATTINER

John Cullen died last week at the age of 90. He was the last man with direct knowledge of the landing of German saboteurs in Amagansett during World War II. He met up with one of them within 45 minutes of when they came ashore, and as the saboteur did not follow the standing orders to kill anyone they met on the beach, Cullen got to live a long and happy life. As for the saboteurs, there were eight of them. Within 60 days six of the eight were put to death in the electric chair. The remaining two were given what was essentially lifetime jail sentences.

Cullen was born in Manhattan, raised in Queens and lived his adult life in Westbury, employed until retirement as a salesman for the Dairylea Milk Co. He was a sweet, baby-faced boy growing up, and in 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he was just 21. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard weeks after the attack and was posted as an Ensign to the Coast Guard Station in Amagansett at the end of Atlantic Avenue Beach. (That station, awaiting restoration as a museum, is there today.)

Up until that time, the job of the Coast Guard had largely been involved with helping mariners off shore when their craft became disabled, shipwrecked or grounded, rescuing swimmers and others in distress, looking out for smugglers and bootleggers during the Prohibition years, and otherwise enforcing the laws of the land.

In the days after Pearl Harbor, however, President Franklin D. Roosevelt received word from American operatives behind German lines in Europe, that the Nazis were planning to land saboteurs on the beaches of America to go inland with explosives to destroy factories, railroad junctions, bridges and department stores. No point of landing was mentioned. The president took it very seriously and ordered the Coast Guard to set up patrols 24 hours a day to walk the beaches along the entire east coast of America. He also ordered fortifications built. One such group of fortifications is today preserved as Camp Hero State Park near the Montauk Lighthouse. The forts included guns the size of those aboard battleships.

NICHOLAS CHOWSKE

NAZI SABOTEURS GEORGE DASCH (CARL IRACE), PETER BURGER (EVEN THOMAS), AND HEINRICH HEINCK (DOMINIC STANZIONE) UNLOAD EXPLOSIVES AND SUPPLIES FROM THE GROUNDED U-BOAT.

The order to build these things and to begin the beach walks was carried out with astonishing speed. By May of 1942, just five months after Pearl Harbor, the beaches were being patrolled as planned.

In Amagansett, the Coastguardsmen were sent out to walk the beaches east and west from the station at two hour intervals. One would go east for two miles, the other west for two miles. At the far end of the beach walk, there were little wooden booths where the Coast Guardsman could warm up and rest for a moment and sign a chart with the time to confirm they had been there. Then he would walk back to the station. The round trip would take two hours. Oddly, the Coastguardsmen carried only a flashlight and a flare gun. If they were to encounter anyone who shouldn't be there, they were to either to take them into custody and brought back to the Coastguard Station, fire a flare to get help or, failing that, try to leave the situation to run and get help.

As it happened, the new ensign from Queens, John Cullen, was the Coastguardsman assigned for the night shift walk in Amagansett. And so it was he who set out at midnight on the night of June 12-13 for what was supposed to be his two-hour walk to the east and back.

It was a warm, foggy night with no moon. He had walked along the crest of the dunes for no more than 10 minutes when he heard people talking and saw a man in fisherman's clothes coming toward him. The man had apparently seen his flashlight. He was approaching him.

The conversation that took place, between George Dasch, 38, a restaurant waiter born in Germany, and John Cullen, 21, a college-age boy who had just joined the Coast Guard, has been written about many times. Both Dasch and Cullen had slightly different versions of it, Dasch in Military Court and Cullen to any eager reporter who asked him about it. It went something like this.

"Hello?" Dasch shouted.

Cullen shined his light on Dasch's face.

"Who are you?" asked Cullen.

"Fishermen."

"You're not supposed to be out on the beach this time of night. It's after curfew."

"I know. Our engine failed and the boat washed up. We were out of Southampton headed for Montauk."

"You were out fishing at night?"

"It was light when we started out. But where are we?"

"You don't know?"

"I don't know where we landed. You would know."

"You're in Amagansett. That's my station over there," Cullen said. At this point, Cullen could make out the silhouettes of several other men down on the beach busy doing things near a boat.

"We'll be fine," Dasch said. "We've got her going again. We'll just pull back out. Thanks very much."

Dasch turned to leave.

"Wait a minute," Cullen said. "What's that all about?"

Cullen motioned with his flashlight to the water's edge.

"It's a military operation. And you're in a very dangerous situation."

"I thought you said you were fishermen."

"This is a secret operation, from Washington. And if you come any closer, you will be killed. Leave. Now. Shine your light on my face."

Cullen did so.

"We're simulating a landing at the beach. I can't say any more. Those men have orders to shoot on sight. Remember my face. You will see it again in Washington. Leave."

Cullen didn't move. "Come with me to the Coast Guard station," he said. He put his hand on Dasch's arm.

At that moment, one of the sailors called out to Dasch in German. "Was ist los?" He had lifted his weapon.

Dasch put himself between the Coastguardsman and the sailor, and, in German, shouted back to him. "I'll handle this," he said. Then, in English, which they did not understand, he shouted "Go back to the boys and stay with them."

He looked again at Cullen.

Dasch pulled a roll of $50 bills out of his pocket and peeled two of them off.

"Take this money. Here's $100."

Dasch held it out. Cullen would not take it.

Dasch tried again. "Here's $350," he said, peeling off more bills. This was an enormous sum of money in those days. "Take it."

Cullen decided. He took it, and stuffed all the bills into his pocket and ran off into the fog to the Coast Guard Station to report what had happened. Dasch returned to the others on the beach.

Back at the Coast Guard Station, the officer on duty didn't believe Cullen when he said there were Germans on the beach who had given him money to keep his mouth shut. Phone calls were made. Men from a military encampment six miles away in Napeague were told to come. Other calls went to Coast Guard Headquarters in New York and to the New York office of the FBI.

As for the Germans, having changed from their Naval officers' uniforms into American fishermen clothes (gotten in Berlin) before the encounter with the Coast Guardsman, they hurriedly finished up what they were doing, which was burying boxes contain-

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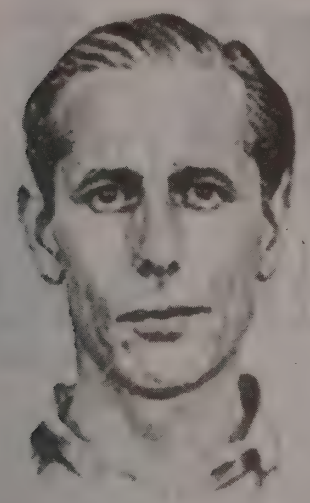

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TOP ROW: THE SABOTEURS WHO LANDED IN AMAGANSETT BOTTOM ROW: THE SABOTEURS WHO LANDED ON A BEACH IN FLORIDA. ALL EIGHT WERE ROUNDED UP.

ing high explosives, fuses and timers in the sand, scrambled over the dunes and into some potato fields to eventually, after many hours of laying low in some shrubbery in that field, arrive at the Amagansett Long Island Rail Road station and take a pre-dawn train to New York City where, for several days they got lost in the crowds.

A week later, this incident was made public in a sensational press conference held by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover who was able to announce that the saboteurs had all been rounded up before any harm could be done and were safely in jail (Dasch had turned them all in). Ensign Cullen was portrayed as a hero for what he did, similar to the heroic work done by James Doolittle, the American air force officer who had organized the bombing raid on Tokyo from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific just a month before.

For the rest of the war, Seaman Cullen would sometimes appear at parades, war bond drives and ship launchings. He often talked to reporters. He received the Legion of Merit. And for the rest of the war served as a driver for high-ranking Coast Guard officers.

John Cullen married his wife Alice the same year as the incident on the beach, and after the war lived a long and happy life here on Long Island with his wife, son and daughter and, ultimately, grand children and great grand children. Several years ago, he and his wife moved to Chesapeake, Virginia, to be near his daughter and her family.

George Dasch, who had turned the other saboteurs in, was one of the two saboteurs not put to death. He was sentenced to serve 30 years at hard labor, but in 1948, with the war over, President Harry Truman commuted his sentence with the proviso that he be deported to Germany with no ability to ever return to America.

This was a very bitter pill for Dasch. He may have been born and raised in Germany, but for 20 years, from the time he was 18 until just before the war started, he lived in America working for the most part as a restaurant waiter, including, as it happened, at the Sea Spray Inn in East Hampton and the Irving Hotel in Southampton. He spoke nearly perfect English. He served honorably in the American Army in the 1920s. And he had no history of supporting the Nazi cause. Indeed, he had even married an American, a woman he had left behind when he returned to Nazi Germany. He always claimed he had come back to America to sabotage the Nazi effort and had no intention of harming any American.

That he did not order Cullen shot on sight changed the course of history.

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Bureaucrats Behaving Badly:

Arrests and Judges' Decisions and Other Things Swept Under the Rug

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BY DAN RATTINER

Suffolk County can't make up its mind about whether or not they want to sell Long Wharf back to the Village of Sag Harbor. Didn't know Sag Harbor didn't own it, did ya? They did once. But in the Great Depression, when they found they didn't have the scratch to keep it up, they let the county take it off their hands for $1.

A year ago, Suffolk offered to sell the wharf back for $1. The village looked at what needed to be done – reinforcing part of it, painting part of it, possibly putting a railing along its borders – and said ok, we'll take it but you pay for the work to be done. After awhile, the county said never mind.

Now the county has formed a committee to look into whether or not they want to sell Long Wharf to the village. Rumor has it the committee will consist of nine people who have spent big bucks for the Brooklyn Bridge, but later found out who sold it to them didn't own it.

COUNTERFEIT!

In Manhattan's Chinatown two weeks ago, police swooped in and arrested a shopkeeper for selling counterfeit designer handbags. An undercover agent came into store, went over to a sales clerk named Wing Sun Mak, asked him if three bags that had the Burberry insignia on them and one handbag with a fake Louis Vuitton insignia on it were for sale. After getting a positive response, the law handcuffed the perp and took him away where he was remanded to jail for the night and then arraigned in Criminal Court at 100 Centre Street.

The name of the store is Fook On Sing Funeral Supplies and everything inside is made of cardboard or cheap plastic, including the bags and the insignias.

One of the owners of the store, Amy Mak-Chan, called *The New York Times* to explain what had happened. She also explained why everything is cardboard or plastic. It's part of Chinese culture.

"When people die," she said, "they feel they are going to need things in the next world. They might want a car and a house and other nice things. People buy things here, to give them as gifts at the funeral."

There are a number of stores in Chinatown that make a living selling this sort of merchandise.

Many of the things being sold are just miniatures of the real thing. For example, you can buy a small two foot tall cardboard house, or a two foot long cardboard Mercedes. Other cardboard things for sale include flat screen TVs, cellphones, double breasted suits (made of paper) and even doll sized smiling servants to wait on the deceased in the hereafter. You can also buy fake money – there were stacks of it on shelves – but the police apparently missed that.

The local Councilwoman, Margaret Chin, spoke to the *Times*.

"It's hard to understand how someone could mistake this for criminal activity," she said.

Nearby to her in the store was a three foot long cardboard BMW. A yellow post-it note had been attached to the insignia on the front.

WHISTLE BLOWER

A government employee named Thomas Drake has been burdened with the possibility of 35 years in prison for five years for making public secret documents. Drake works in the department that keeps track of secret documents.

Two weeks ago, a judge dropped all felony charges against the man, and upbraided the Obama Administration for pursuing the case.

The story is that Drake found documents – this was during the administration of George W. Bush – that had no business being classified as secret. They were, in fact, documents showing that about half a billion dollars had been spent on some miserable attempt to do something with computers that didn't work out. The administration was filing them as secret to get rid of the embarrassment.

Drake told a reporter about the documents expecting he would be considered a patriotic whistleblower for exposing waste and abuse. Instead, his superiors, after reading what he did in the newspaper, recommended he be charged as a criminal for revealing government secrets. By this time, the Obama Administration was in office. Officials then charged Drake with being in violation of the Espionage Act for what he had done. He could spend the rest of his life in jail.

At the same time this was going on, Obama was ordering a whole new study of what gets classified as secret and what does not. He wanted all secret material reviewed, and those not secret declassified. Unfortunately, in the two and a half years he has been in office, practically nothing during this review has been declassified and huge amounts of new stuff have been classified. Last year 77 million documents were declared secret, as opposed to 45 million the year before.

The sticking point in Drake's case was that the judge wanted this this

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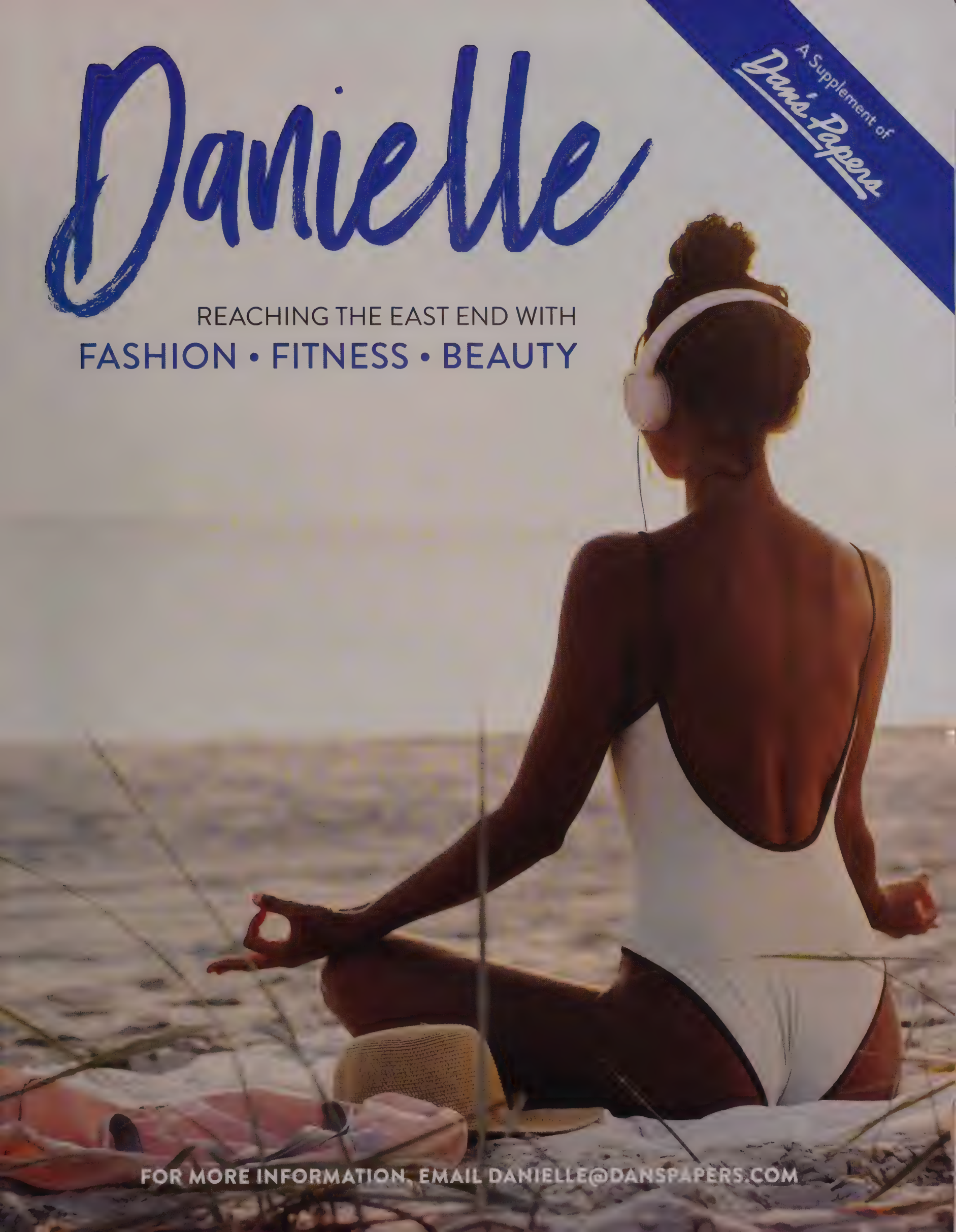

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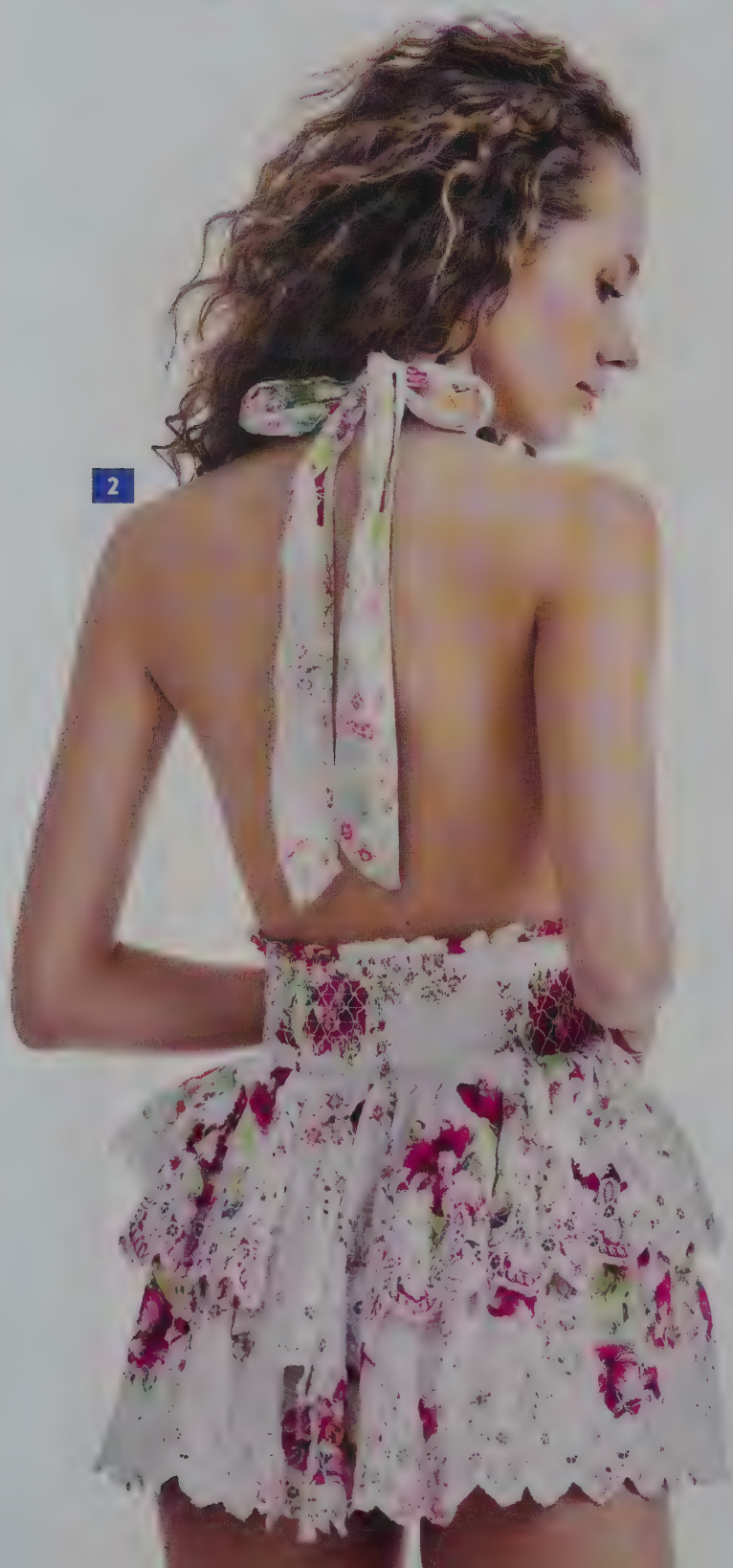

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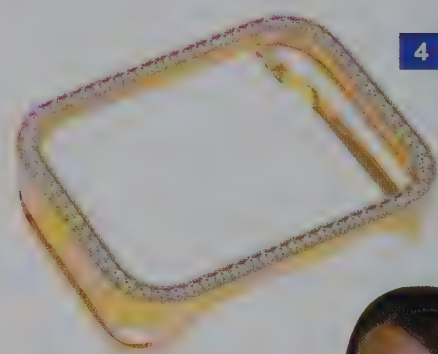

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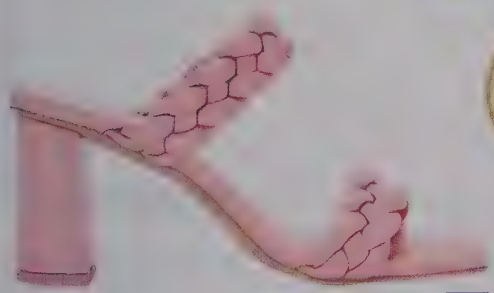

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1. GUCCI SUNGLASSES
Gucci sunglasses are among the stylish designer frames available at Cohen's Optical, which has a store in Riverhead. *cohensfashionoptical.com*

2. LOVE SHACK FANCY
The flouncy cotton Deanna Halter Dress is a perfect expression of the feminine frock that Love Shack Fancy is known for. This floral print has been flying off the racks at the Hamptons stores. *loveshackfancy.com*

3. GOLI
The nutrition brand has just released a third gummy; antioxident-rich superfruits for skin health, to complete a trio including delicious apple cider vinegar for appetite supression and ashwagandha for stress relief. *goli.com*

4. LENLEN WATCH COVER
Just because you wear a smart watch doesn't mean it has to look like something that came out of a Cracker Jack box. Fashion influencer Elena Taranina has created a bejeweled case that will transform your wrist piece into stylish bling. Also available with sapphires, rubies, black diamonds and emeralds. *lenlenstyle.com*

5. STRYDE
On those days you don't want to work up a sweat just competing for a spot at Soul Cycle, shell out $50 for a class, or battle a summer rain storm, you will be happy to have your own set of wheels at home. This bike, known for its super smooth ride and quiet magnetic resistance system, has an evolving selection of classes from top fitness instructors around the country. *strydebike.com*

6. VINTAGE HAVANA CHILDREN'S CLOTHES
The cool and comfy tie-dyed kids' togs from Vintage Havana can be found at Shock Kids. *99 Main Street in Westhampton Beach.*

7. LOLA CHAIN BRACELET AND MILO HEART
The united gold heart and paw print bracelet, like all the jewelry from Lolamina honors our canine companions. A portion of all sales goes to animal causes. *lolaminadesigns.com*

8. TANKS
A fitted Jordyn Jagger cropped tank top with mini ruffled detailing is very versatile for summer and comes in a variety of colors at Mixology. *shopmixology.com*

9. HOPE TRAVEL FRAGRANCES
Southampton philanthropist Audrey Gruss, whose Hope Foundation supports mental health, has released a travel sized collection of her scent, Hope, in a chic beige leather case, perfect for a summer weekend getaway. *bergdorfgoodman.com*

10. EARRINGS FROM GARCIA
These stunning Janis Savitt designed drops in rose and indigo crystal can take your casual dress or jeans into a cocktail or evening setting. *Available at Garcia Jewelry, 77 Main St, Westhampton Beach.*

11. PAILY SANDALS
The braided mule slides with a block heel by Dolce Vida come in a rainbow of colors and are a best seller at Shoe Inn's East Hampton shop. *shoeinn.com*

12. MZ SKIN EYE MASKS
Small, easy to transport eye masks can pack quite a punch, reducing puffiness, dark circles and the appearance of fine lines. These golden disks, containing collagen, hyaluronic acid, seaweed and gold nano particles takes years off in just minutes. *mzskin.com*

13. GERANIUM DRESS FROM THE GIRLS ROOM
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With that, Judge Richard Bennett called the whole thing "unconsciounable" and threw out the case. After testifying, Leonard then filed a formal complaint about the prosecution of Drake with the Justice Department and the National Security Agency.

AIR BRUSHED

Proctor and Gamble withdrew a magazine advertisement the other day, deeply embarrassed at what they had done.

The product they were advertising was Olay Definitely Eye Illuminator cream, and the promise was that it would reduce wrinkles in the skin around the eyes. The advertisement showed before and after photographs of a popular former British model named Twiggy, popular in the early 1970s. She is now 60 years old. Before using the cream she had wrinkles around her eyes and afterwards she did not.

A member of Parliament, a woman named Jo Swinson, a liberal Democrat from a district in Scotland, took great offense to this. She claimed that the after picture had to have been digitally retouched. She also said that if people saw this ad and used this product without getting the same result, it would have a negative effect on their perception of their own body image. In other words, it would be cruel. She filed a complaint with the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) in England, went public with that on the internet, and was soon joined by 700 other outraged people wishing to join her in the complaint.

Two things have come of this. One is that the suits at Proctor and Gamble looked into this and found that indeed, an enthusiastic designer at their ad agency had indeed airbrushed the picture, apologized and pulled the ad.

The second thing that happened was that the ASA waded in with its own comments.

"We considered that the combination of references to 'younger-looking eyes' including the claim 'reduces the look of wrinkles and dark circles for brighter, young-looking eyes' and post-production retouching of Twiggy's image around the eye area was likely to mislead."

On the other hand, the ASA continued, the public expected models to get all gussied up and styled and made up, and that any reasonable mature woman would realize you couldn't look like Twiggy did by just using this product.

"The image was unlikely to have a negative impact on perceptions of body image among the target audience and was not socially irresponsible."

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The Corn Plant:

I Felt Bad About a Seven Foot Corn Plant Thrown in the Dumpster After the Homecoming Parade

This story first appeared in a 2011 edition of Dan's Papers.

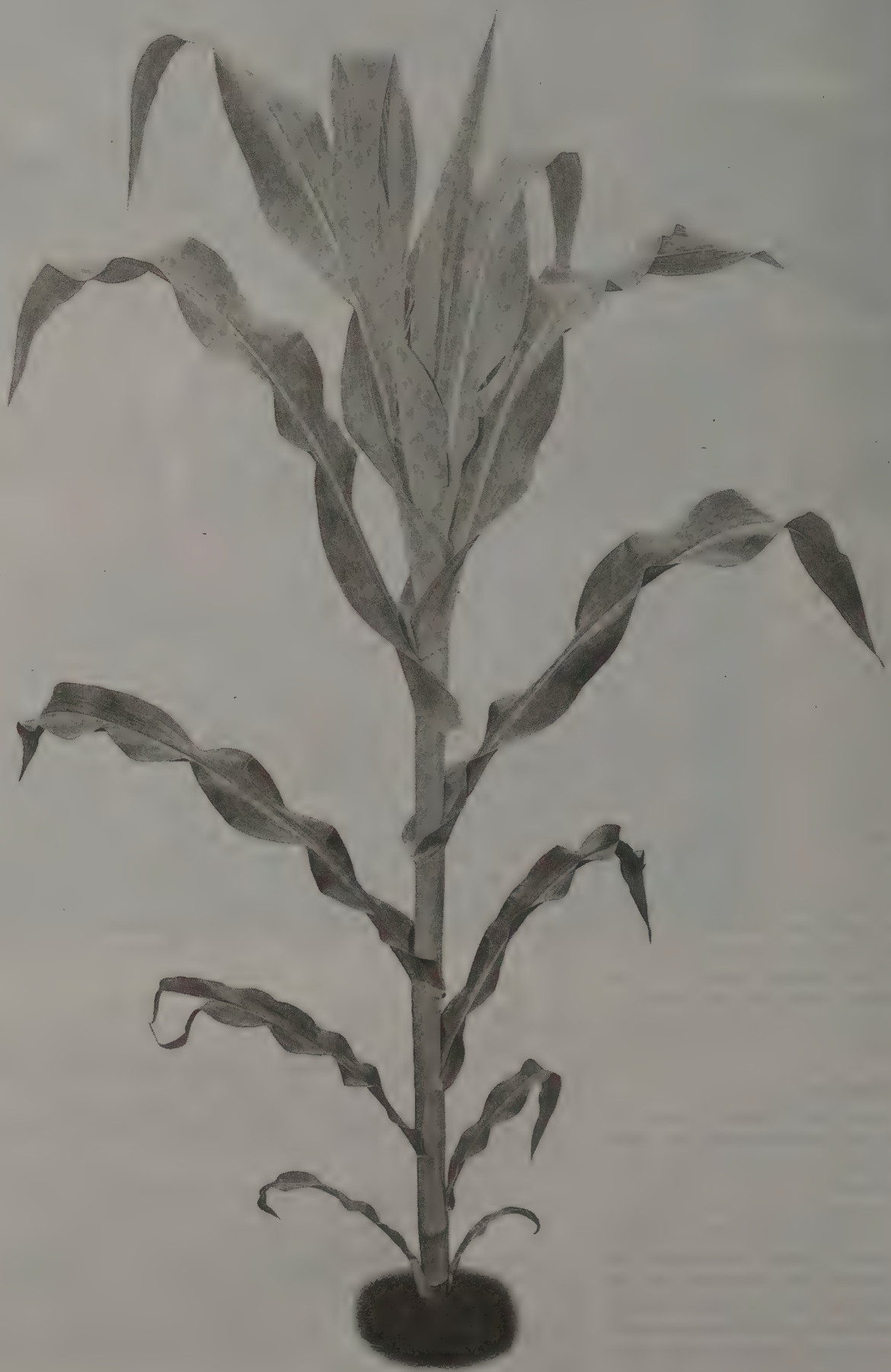
BY DAN RATTINER

When my daughter was a junior at East Hampton High School, she asked me if I could participate in the school's homecoming weekend parade. The reason she wanted me, actually, was because she wanted my car. My daughter was one of the attending princesses to the Homecoming Queen, and she and the four other princesses and Homecoming Queen herself, all dolled up, needed to sit on the top of the back seat of a convertible car while it was driven (by me) slowly down Newtown Lane toward the high school. I indeed had one.

I was proud to do this for them. At the appropriate time, I arrived to find the floats all lined up on Newtown Lane in front of the Junior High School, four of them, one for each class. At the front was the High School Marching Band. And at the back, behind the Senior Float, was where they put me and my convertible, into which the queen and princesses with great enthusiasm hopped and got seated up there in the back in a row.

We started off at a quarter to one, heading slowly up the Lane toward the High School a half mile further on. There were crowds lining both sides of the road. The girls, wearing long white gloves, waved and smiled. It was a brisk November day and the leaves swirled around in the breeze and off in the distance you could hear the crowd in the stadium up on Long Lane cheering as the players were already coming out onto the field for the big game. It would take us just 10 minutes to go in parade formation at five miles an hour from the Junior High School to the High School and the stadium beyond. It was less than a mile.

I admired the beautiful girls when they climbed aboard. My daughter was the prettiest of them of course. But then I started up and had to look straight ahead to follow behind this last float, which happened to be a flatbed truck with a display of the Cartoon TV Show *The Flintstones* on it. There were kids in caveman outfits carrying clubs, swaying and dancing to the theme song of this TV show. The



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theme played over and over. Sitting on the very back of the flatbed truck was this tall corn plant in a pot, about 10 feet high. There was sand from the beach and shells all around.

When we got to the high school, following along nose to tail, we did not continue on to the portico by the front entrance. Instead, we swerved to the right off onto a service road that led around to the back of the school and several dumpsters there. There, the kids were told to quickly disassemble what was on their floats and either throw the crepe paper or pieces into the dumpster or just set them alongside the trucks before heading off on foot to the game.

However, the kids were too excited to do this properly. They just threw a few things overboard, then raced off. I found myself sitting in the driver's seat there, the only person left, watching the band and the kids in their costumes as they ran up the hill to the stadium across the way.

As it happened, I saw that right next to me, lying on the top of a dumpster, was the 12-foot-long corn plant from *The Flintstones'* float. It was a perfectly good plant. It shouldn't have been thrown away like that. Somebody would want it. I would want it.

And so, I got out of the car and wrestled with it onto my car and laid it down the center from the windshield to the trunk. I drove off back into town. I felt I was sort of a plant ambulance. The plant hung over the back of the car about five feet. I must hurry to save its life, I thought, and so I drove it down to the Whittendale Florist on Newtown Lane and got some of the workmen there to get the owner to come out.

"Can you save this?" I asked Mr. Wittendale, one of the owners. "It's from the parade. I rescued it."

He walked around it and looked it over. "Leaves are split, probably from the wind," he said. "But sure, I can bring it back to life. Just leave it with me and I'll have it good as new in a month. Come back for it then."

"What would it cost?"

"Nothing. My contribution to life on Earth."

All that happened 15 years ago, and since then, that corn plant, in its pot, has stood in its pot in a prominent position in my living room, standing tall, living large and providing occasional shade for the living room sofa when the sun was right.

I didn't take care of the plant myself. I had a housekeeper who did that. She still comes to the house twice a week today. And after I told her the story, she said she would give it special love and care.

Ten years into our relationship, the plant blossomed. I was told this was a rare thing for a corn plant to do. I considered it a sort of an acknowledgement of our mutual success. But I could not bear the blossom. There were six of them on one of its stalks way up high, and they gave off a perfume and odor that was so heavy and rich, it made it almost impossible to be in the room.

I felt sort of bad for the plant in one sense. The blossoms would last for about a week, I was told. Then it might not happen for several more years. Of course, there were no other plants around to hear this plant's mating call if that is what it was. Furthermore, we couldn't bear the perfume. It couldn't be allowed to stay. After a day of this, I got a lopper and sadly cut the blossom off and tossed it out. I said a little prayer to the plant as I did this. We had, after all, been through a lot together.

Two years later, the corn plant blossomed again and again I had to cut the blossom. The next year, the plant seemed to not be doing so well. My housekeeper noticed it and said it might be getting on in years, but one way we could renew it would be to trim it way back and small, then repot it. It would regrow big and tall, perhaps actually a new plant in some sense.

I balked at this, but after a few weeks let her have a go at it. Now the plant, in its new pot, was just two feet high.

Well, that grew in less than a year to fill the space. And the year after that, the blossoms came and again I cut them.

A week ago, with another two years gone by, the plant blossomed again. And once again I cut off the blossom. But the smell remained, and on the second day, it was so bad that I had a terrible allergic reaction to it. I got all stuffed up, felt woozy and couldn't think straight, and this time I went back to the plant and found there had been TWO blossoms up there, and in the foliage of the fullness of this thing, I had just missed the second. So now I cut that down.

The allergic reaction lingered for the rest of the day however. It was just 10 degrees out, but we had to open all the windows and doors for awhile to get the smell out. And it was at this point that my wife, who was not here when my daughter was part of the Queen's Court, said she thought that perhaps we ought to give it away, since my allergic reaction was so intense.

I agreed with her, finally. It had now been 20 years since that long ago parade. And so I made some phone calls and found that there was simply nobody I knew who had a cathedral ceiling living room together with a desire to have a twelve foot corn plant in it. This was going to be a Quest.

At this point, with the allergic reaction gone, I now felt my former fondness for the plant, and so decided to cut much of it down, perhaps not to three feet but to say six feet, and just keep going. My wife said if that is what I wanted to do she would go along with it. We'd just have to cut the blossoms again when the time came. But we'd have to be swift about it. And so, I held a chair while my housekeeper with a lopper got up there and began cutting one branch off after another and piling them on the dining room table.

When she got done, the plant was indeed shorn but still beautiful, and our housekeeper asked if we wanted to keep the cuttings.

"We could plant them in new pots," she said, "they will grow into big new plants. Actually, that's what I did when we trimmed it before."

And it was at that moment that I thought – has this plant died and what's now here is another plant? Are there now two or even three plants here? Does this plant, if at least one part of it is the original plant, even know what I did for it? How long are their memories anyway?

I decided we should throw away the cuttings and we did. I didn't see what good could come from having new corn plants sitting in other pots around the house chattering away with one another, maybe plotting about taking over.

I had done my good deed. I had saved a plant. Enough already.

DAN'S LOOK BACK

Men's Lot:

A Shout Out About Women Living Five Years Longer Than Men – a Fact

This story first appeared in a 2011 edition of Dan's Papers.

BY DAN RATTINER

Scientists are now increasing the study of animals out in their natural habitat rather than the laboratory, and a new paper about crickets has just been published that changes the understanding of some of their behavior.

Male crickets impregnate females in the same way many other creatures do, by inseminating semen into females. Afterwards, the males hang around the females for awhile, and until now it was believed that this was to keep other males away for a time until the sperm could reach the egg.

Now, in the wild, they have found a more correct explanation. Male crickets hang around afterward in order to protect the female they impregnated from danger. If danger approaches, the males emit a sound which alerts the female to hurry and rush into the burrow where all crickets live in safety. The male then waits outside until his female is safely inside. Then he goes in too.

> *"It occurs to me that this might help explain why in our species women live longer than men."*

It's been found that female crickets protected in this way are six times more likely to survive a predator out for lunch than a female who is not protected. It also turns out that the male, staying out in the danger longer, is only four times as likely to survive than when he did not have to look after his female. Due to chivalry, sometimes, it costs him his life.

It occurs to me that this might help explain why in our species women live longer than men. When a couple hear a noise in the house at night, it's the man who goes down to protect the family. On the Titanic, it was women and children first. Most of the men died. Most of the women survived. I could go on and on, but for those who say women suffer more than men and this needs to be corrected, I say as a man, it's no fun to die on average six years before a woman does.

We miss so much, we men do. If a man dies in 2005, his woman lives to see George W. Bush get his second term, Barak Obama elected, Osama bin Laden killed, New Orleans win the Super Bowl, the Japanese suffer an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown, Mayor Bloomberg win the election, the first commercial all-electric car come on the market, the rise of Lady Gaga, Facebook, Twitter and the smart phone, the overthrow of several dictators, the end of the American Space Shuttle Program, *Spiderman* on Broadway, Titanic in the movies, High Def on TV and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

I'm not saying this is all good stuff. But it's stuff. And the men who die in 2005 weren't here to enjoy it. They even miss five more years of their grandchildren growing up. This is quite an injustice, if you ask me.

And yes, I am aware that 80% of the people killed by lightning are men. Dumb we are, determined to go out in a lightning storm. Dumber still, driving. Even so dumb we don't complain about living five years less. Something's got to be done about this.

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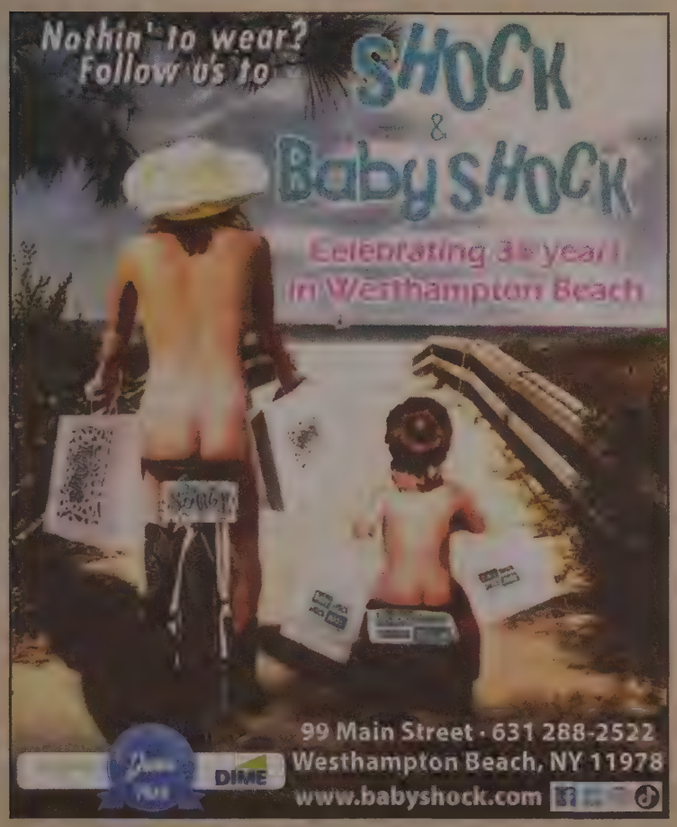

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The North Fork's premier summer event, **Dan's Chefs of the North Fork**, returns with a new venue, new lineup of chefs and all-new dishes and libations to taste. Whether you were among the lucky few to secure a ticket to past years' events, or you have yet to experience any Dan's Taste event, this is about as can't-miss as one dining experience can get. This one-of-a-kind North Fork culinary celebration takes place Saturday, July 10.

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THE GORGEOUS VIEW FROM ATLANTIS BANQUETS & EVENTS

At its core, Dan's Chefs of the North Fork is a celebration of all things North Fork—the bucolic farmland and vineyards, the bountiful waters and the talented people who harvest the land and sea to create edible works of art. Gathering over a dozen of the most beloved North Fork chefs under one roof promises an exclusively curated dining experience packed with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

The casual indoor evening starts with a bespoke cocktail hour followed by a perfectly crafted five-course seated dinner and then decadent desserts. Each course of farm-to-table and dock-to-dish delicacies is paired with an incredible wine produced and bottled by the unrivaled North Fork wineries—including Paumanok Vineyards, Palmer Vineyards, Pindar Vineyards, Lenz Winery, McCall Wines and Borghese Vineyard & Winery—all of which are redefining the grape-to-glass experience and establishing the Long Island wine region among the world's most well-respected. In addition, craft beer and cocktails will be served.

This year's all-star roster of chefs includes:

ADAM KAUFER
Grace & Grit in Southold

DREW HIATT
The Preston House & Hotel in Riverhead

STEVEN AMARAL
North Fork Chocolate Company in Aquebogue

STEPHAN BOGARDUS
The Halyard at Soundview Greenport in Greenport

TAYLOR KNAPP
PAWPAW in Greenport

MARISSA DRAGO
Main Road Biscuit in Jamesport

URSULA XVII
Disset Chocolate in Cutchogue

BRUCE MILLER
Windamere at Strong's Water Club in Mattituck

MIKE JEANTY
Claudio's Restaurant in Greenport

JOHN FRASER
North Fork Table & Inn in Souhtold

CHEO AVILA
KonTiki in Greenport

JUSTIN SCHWARTZ
Mattitaco in Mattituck

NOAH SCHWARTZ
Noah's in Greenport & The Chequit in Shelter Island Heights

These chefs won't be meeting under just any roof—they'll be meeting, for the first time at a Dan's Taste event, at the stunning Atlantis Banquets & Events. The venue offers unmatched views of the Peconic River, a gorgeous and unique backdrop that elevates the already magical evening even further and assures unforgettable memories for years to come.

As is Dan's Taste tradition, a portion of ticket proceeds will benefit local 501(c)(3) organizations. This year's nonprofits include Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York, a charity serving people with developmental disabilities across Long Island and New York City; All For The East End (AFTEE), which raises funds for more than 1,000 East End charity organizations and helps those in need directly through its Feed the Need program; and US Autism Homes, which provides safe, independent and joyful living for autistic adults living in Southampton and beyond.

Once again, Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons is on Saturday, July 10 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Atlantis Banquets & Events, located at 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. Tickets are $165 and extremely limited, so head to DansTaste.com to grab yours before you miss out on this one-of-a-kind culinary experience. The event is intended only for adults at least 21 years of age.

There are several more Dan's Taste events this season! ***Dan's Rosé Soirée*** *arrives at Nova's Ark in Water Mill on July 24 and is followed by* ***Dan's GrillHampton*** *and* ***Dan's Taste of Two Forks*** *in August 21.* ***Dan's Clambake*** *hits Gurney's Star Island Resort & Marina on August 28, and* ***Dan's Dinner in the Vines*** *comes to Peconic Bay Vineyards on September 25. Tickets to all Dan's Taste 2021 events are available now at DansTaste.com.*

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REFRESHING EAST END WINES ARE KEY TO ANY PAIRING DINNER

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PINDAR VINEYARDS' 2020 ROSÉ

Cigars, Live Music & More Come to Pindar Vineyards This Summer

BY DAVID TAYLOR

We're only halfway through 2021, and it's safe to declare this a banner year for Pindar Vineyards. The Peconic winery won the coveted Governor's Cup, the New York Annual Wine Classic's top honor, and quite a few other awards for their recent wines. In addition to their impressive victory in March, this year Pindar released several wines from their exciting 2020 vintage, brought live music back to the bucolic vineyard and announced new and returning events, such as the Cigars and Wine series.

The first of the 2020 vintage wines to debut this year was a Wine Classic Gold Medal-winning Riesling bursting with green apple, peach and floral notes of jasmine on the nose. Think fruit cocktail—balanced, zesty, medium sweet and perfect for picnics.

Next came the follow-up to the acclaimed 2019 Gewürztraminer, which earned Best White Wine, Best Gewürztraminer, a Platinum Medal and the Governor's Cup. With the reputation of the sold-out 2019 Gewürztraminer and reviews of the 2020 vintage saying it may be even better, it's no surprise this spring release is quickly selling out. The new vintage features a nose of roses, ginger and allspice paired with a palate of tangerine, apricot and pineapple.

"We have the best wine in New York State, right in your backyard," says Pindar Vineyards general manager and owner Pindar Damianos.

The 2020 vintages continued to roll out with the limited special reserve Sunflower

PINDAR VINEYARDS

Chardonnay, crisp Peacock Chardonnay and, most recently, the annual rosé, which Damianos describes as particularly "phenomenal." The latest red wine release is a 2017 Cabernet France with notes of red berries and a delicate finish. "It's delicious—one of my favorites," Daminanos says.

Even more impressive than Pindar's accolades is its commitment to sustainable winemaking. Its wind turbine, the largest in Southold Town, powers most of the production facility and allows wine to be bottled without outside power.

"I'm in my 40s and have a son who's 12, and I want him to obviously inherit the winery and the vineyard, but also to have an environment that's sustainable and healthy for his generation, as well. We've always been conscious of that since the '80s," Damianos says. "When you're drinking Pindar, you're drinking sustainability."

The vines are alive with the sound of music, and lots of it. The Pindar website boasts a long roster of singer-songwriters and bands coming to the pavilion to perform every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. And beginning Friday, July 2, Pindar is kicking off Sunset Fridays with extended hours, 5 to 8 p.m., of music, wine by the glass or bottle, deck bar and pizza.

Also kicking off on Friday is the all-new Cigars and Wine series, which invites the Lefty's Specialty Cigars truck, a 1959 Chevy with custom humidification system, to the vineyard for an evening of hand-rolled cigars, Founders Oysters, as well as jazz on select dates. The fun takes place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 2, July 16 (Jazz) and August 6, and non-smoking sections will also be available.

"I have a lot of customers who like cigars and, they wanted to have a night where they can come out, hang out with their friends, sit out on the pavilion, listen to music and have a cigar," Damianos says of the event's inception.

Besides the late-night Friday events, Pindar is also hosting outdoor vinyasa classes, cleverly titled Vine-Yasa Flow, winery tours, paint and sip nights and more. The winery is currently open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. This summer, tastings will remain as they've been for the past several months: Patrons order their five-wine flights at the tasting bar and then head outside to the gorgeous outdoor spaces for the tasting. Damianos says customers really seem to enjoy the current setup, though he hopes to return to indoor tastings later this year.

"The only thing I miss is the interaction between me and the consumer who's trying the wines because we make so many different wines," he says, clarifying that he still helps guests select wines from the tasting sheet, but he misses witnessing that first sip. "When I'm able to pour the tasting, and they're able to taste it in front of me, if they don't like something or it's not for them, then I can move them in a different direction. When they're trying the wines on their own, I don't have that ability."

With Pindar Vineyards returning back to "normal" in most other ways, Damianos is optimistically looking forward to a spectacular summer of new wines and events.

"We're happy to have the season in front of us. I think it's going to be a beautiful year, and I hope people come and experience what the North Fork has to offer and that when they come to Pindar, they feel comfortable like they're visiting a vineyard that's family-owned," Damianos says, adding that Pindar is, in fact, the oldest family-owned vineyard on the East End. "I really believe that when you come to Pindar, you feel like part of the family."

Pindar Vineyards is located at 37645 Main Road, Peconic. Call 631-734-6200 or visit pindar.net for more info.

Morty's Oyster Bar Chef,

Water Mill Dining & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Chef Richard (aka Richie) Biondo is the executive chef at **Morty's Oyster Stand** in Amagansett, and he brings more than 30 years of culinary experience to his new role. Born and raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Biondo grew up appreciating and learning from his great grandmother and mother's cooking. A lover of music with aspirations to play professionally, Chef Richie began his culinary career as a part-time dishwasher in order to save up for his first guitar. He then progressed to a prep cook role, working his way up the back-of-house ladder.

Realizing his passion for cooking was irrefutable, Biondo ultimately enrolled in The Culinary Institute of America in New York City, where he received an AOS in Culinary Arts and pursued a career as a chef. Chef Richie's career thrived in executive chef positions across New York City, including such renowned kitchens at Le Grenadin, Underhills Crossing, Ristorante da Benito, Agata & Valentina and Nice Matin. Chef Richie was also the Corporate Chef for 5 Napkin Burger for almost 10 years and oversaw six locations in New York, Boston and Miami. Most recently, he was the chef de cuisine at Financier.

After Biondo and his wife, Phylis, sold their Brooklyn home, the pair fell in love with a Hamptons house and moved out east in 2020. At Morty's, Biondo continues to provide fresh, quality-driven food, which he hopes, above all, will bring customers joy. He also cherishes his partnerships with local Hamptons oyster farmers and seafood providers and looks forward to further collaborating with additional community farmers. In his free time, he plays the guitar and enjoys the simple pleasure of bread making.

ERIC STRIFFLER

RICHARD BIONDO OF MORTY'S OYSTER BAR

Good news! The Thai pop-up Sagaponack Supper Club is back for the 2021 season.

Water Mill can hold its own when it comes to the dining scene. **Bistro Été** transports guests to the coast of France with their chic and comfortable interior. The beachy vibe compliments the Mediterranean cuisine inspired by Chef Ari Pavlou's Cypriot heritage. While dry-aged steak, halibut with Champagne truffle sauce and grilled wild-caught Spanish octopus are just some of the savory menu highlights, there are also vegan and vegetarian dishes for plant-based foodies to enjoy. If you're out on the town with your pup and decide to stop in for a bite, check out their "paw course menu" that features house-made dog biscuits, bacon wrapped boneless chicken leg topped with shaved truffle and even dessert, so you and your four-legged friend can feast together.

Take a quick trip to Greece at **Calissa**. The Mediterranean restaurant hosts DJs every Friday and Saturday night so you can nosh on their spanakopita, pikilia platter and souvlaki while jamming out to tunes. Friday through Sunday, Jimmy's Gyro truck will be dishing out gyros and platters prepared with local ingredients from the same family-run farms from which Calissa sources.

Omakase sushi and kaiseki tradition fuse over at **Kissaki**. The sushi restaurant has their fishery and wildlife license, allowing them to get uni, caviar and most of their fish directly from Japan. Dine inside their sleek and minimalist dining room or their 50-seat twinkle light-adorned outdoor seating area. Diners can look forward to omakase sets, sushi rice bowls, fat rolled sushi and hot plates. And don't forget the sake!

East End mainstay **Hampton Coffee Company** is a green café that's been open for more than 20 years. Their Water Mill location features solar panels, a single stream recycling program and uses 100% efficient lighting. On a sunny day, you can dine alfresco in their hidden garden or at picnic tables placed out front of the café. Find your new favorite dish during your visit, choose from made-to-order omelets, gourmet burgers, authentic Mexican grill menu and their refreshing homemade house and seasonal sangrias and mimosas. Cap it off with a cup of organic coffee!

Further east, **Estia's Little Kitchen** features Tlayudas, a vegan option with toasted tortillas, refritos, guacamole, tomatillo salsa and avocado. The customer can add eggs, adobo pork, chili chicken or grilled shrimp too if they so choose. Also at Estia's, take advantage of Estia's Hot Burrito food truck serving take-away six days a week from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. (closed Tuesdays); dinner on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

Good news! The Thai pop-up **Sagaponack Supper Club** is back for

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the 2021 season. Born out of the pandemic, the team led by husband-and-wife duo Chef Trevor Lombaer and designer Sutathip Aiemsaard of Warung Roadside, will be serving up tasty eats out of Hampton Racquet Club. Delicious takes on traditional Thai and South East Asian staples will be prepared all summer long at their popular Tuesday Night Supper Club dine-in service and through takeout and delivery options. Reserve your table at warungroadside.com.

Sunset Fridays return to **Wölffer Estate Vineyard** in Sagaponack! Bring family, friends or a date to enjoy a casual night among the vines with sunset, music and Wölffer wine. No rezzies are required, walk-ins only. Capacity is limited so it's first come, first served. Music starts at 5 p.m.

There's more Sagaponack news: **The Old Stove Pub** is offering a $125 multi-course prix-fixe dinner offered by a rotating cast of chefs including Amanda Freitag, Alex Guarnaschelli, Jose Garces, Josh Capon, Marcus Samuelsson, and Michael Symon on Tuesdays through August 31. Reservations are necessary, must be made in advance and can be either through the restaurant's website, or by emailing srfpun2021@gmail.com or by calling 917-287-6424.

Time to get your tickets for **Dan's Chefs of the North Fork**, a premier culinary celebration uniting local bounty with the talents of top chefs in a one-of-a-kind gastronomic gathering. Attendees will enjoy an assortment of hors d'oeuvres followed by a multi-course tasting menu prepared by the region's best chefs. Each course will be paired with a curated Long Island wine. Craft beer and cocktails will also be served. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit nonprofit organizations including Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York, All For The East End (AFTEE) and US Autism Homes. Tickets are $165. The event is held at Atlantis Banquest & Events in Riverhead and is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on July 10. Hurry and get your tickets at DansTaste.com!

Did You Know That: Townline BBQ in Sagaponack has over 60 different whiskeys available? Enjoy them as one ounce or two ounce pours, or pick a drink for your favorite whiskey cocktail.

Fun Food Facts: July is National Grilling Month and more than 74 million Americans are planning to grill for the Fourth of July.

Quote of the Week: "Since we must eat to live, we might as well do it with both grace and gusto." ~ M.F.K Fisher, author

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail.com!

Recipe:

Chef Richard Biondo's Seared Scallops with Corn Tabbouleh and Seaweed Butter

SEAWEED BUTTER INGREDIENTS:

- *8 ounce unsalted butter, softened*
- *½ teaspoon Han dashi (Japanese soup base)*
- *1 tablespoon seaweed powder, equal parts nori and kombu toasted and ground in a spice grinder*
- *⅛ teaspoon salt*

METHOD:
Mix all ingredients in a mixer bowl

CORN TABBOULEH INGREDIENTS:

- *12 ounce cooked taboule*
- *8 ounce roasted corn, shucked of the husk*
- *4 ounce red bell pepper, diced to ¼ inch*
- *2 ounce red onion, diced to ¼ inch*
- *2 ounce chopped parsley*
- *½ to 1 tablespoons fresh lemon juice*
- *1 tablespoon olive oil*
- *Salt and pepper to taste*

METHOD:
Mix all ingredients together, check seasoning

SCALLOPS METHOD:
Season local scallops with salt. Sear in a very hot skillet in one tablespoon of oil for 1 ½ minutes per side. You should have a nice golden color on both top and bottom. (They should be served rare.) Remove from heat and let rest for two minutes.
Arrange tabbouleh on a plate, place scallops next to tabbouleh, melt butter and drizzle over the top. Garnish with furikake (Japanese rice seasoning).

Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Cenobio Canalizo,

Morgan's Brooklyn Barbecue

CENOBIO CANALIZO

Working at GlazierWorks for over two decades now—first at Strip House, then at Michael Jordan's, then Morgan's Brooklyn Barbecue and now as executive chef of GlazierWorks—Cenobio Canalizo has developed an immense level of culinary expertise that he'll showcase at Dan's GrillHampton this August. Will it be enough to win victory for Team NYC and end Team Hamptons' winning streak before it even begins? Get your ticket and taste for yourself.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Grilling.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

I find inspiration from any fresh produce that's in season and international flavors.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

I would invite my son, my line cook Asuncion Canalizo and Carlos Olibares. I would make the Smoked Bacon Ribs with cucumber and mango slaw.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

My favorite dish to prepare is brisket. Just as great to eat as it is to make!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Serving guests tacos at a party is never a bad idea.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

Carving a whole brisket in front of guests and seeing the look of amazement on their faces.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

Haruna Dia because of his skills as a pitmaster.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Ginormous ribs.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

I love to spend my time fishing.

What's your comfort food and why?

My comfort food is steak because I grew up on a farm and it reminds me of my family.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

I would be doing something in agriculture.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

Liver!

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

My travels to Mexico have inspired me because of the meals eaten there.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My greatest achievement is being executive chef at GlazierWorks.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

I always have music playing while cooking.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

Cooking for guests feels like cooking for family.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

Anything mariachi!

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

The menu would be filled with Mexican food!

We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

Here's to good food, good friends and summer memories!

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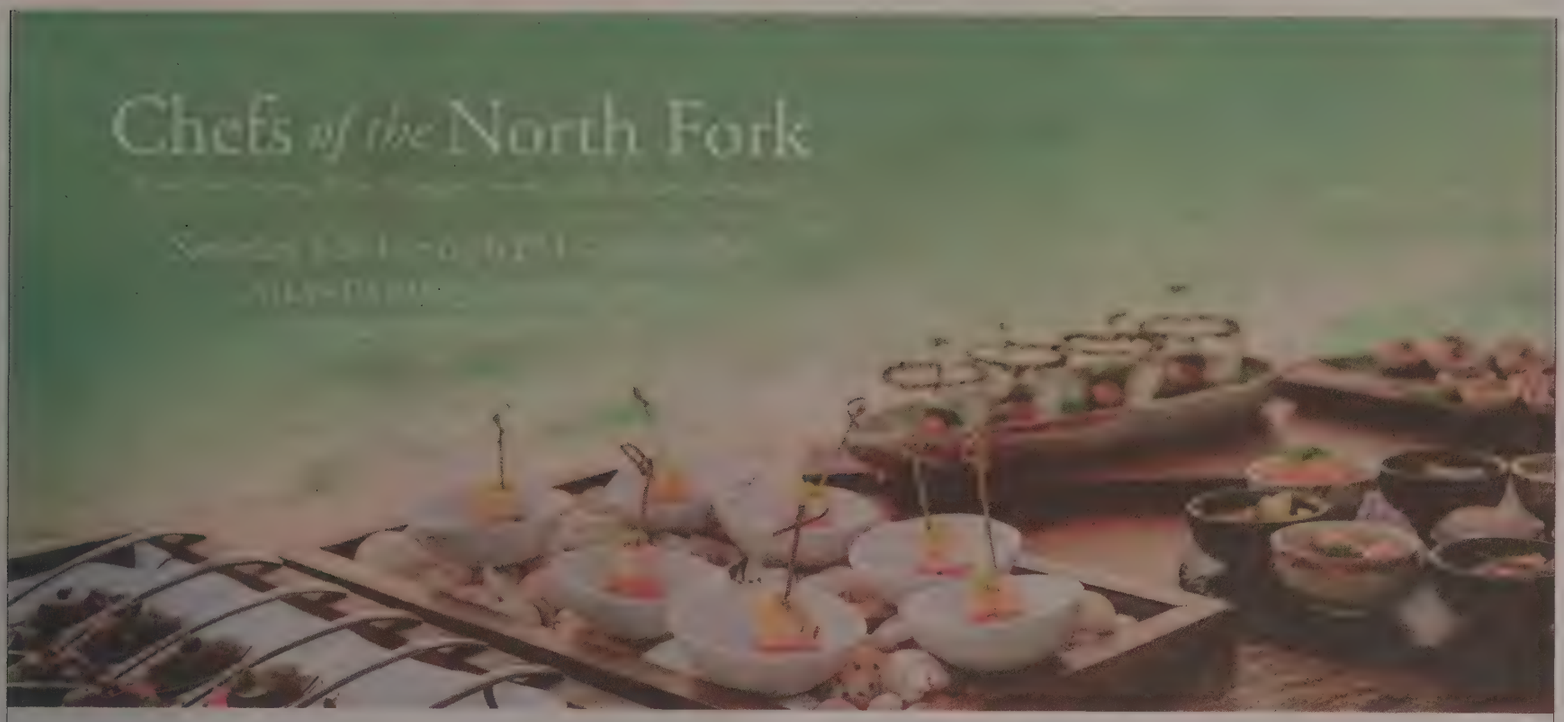

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Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Jase Franklyn, Jase's BBQ

JASE FRANKLYN

All meat-loving New Yorkers should know that if they want first-class barbecue infused with Caribbean flavors at their catered event, then they need to reach out to Jase Franklyn of Jase's BBQ. From brisket to fried chicken to barbecue pigtails, everything he smokes is cooked to perfection, which spells trouble for Team Hamptons at Dan's GrillHampton, as Franklyn will be competing alongside Team NYC at this August's friendly (but fierce) competition.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Barbecue.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

My island, Trinidad and Tobago.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

My mother, father and sister. Macaroni pie, vegetable rice, ribs, barbecue chicken and salad.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

Barbecue pigtails—absolutely enjoy it sweetness and saltiness it's so good.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Don't wish it was easier, wish you were better!

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

I was seasoning some pork and instead of adding burnt sugar, I added molasses. They both were in the same bottle and same label, but in the end the taste was incredible.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

Pitmasters like Big Moe Cason, Kevin Bledsoe, Aaron Franklin and Bobbly Flay. They are so good at their craft but mostly patient. Patience is the key to serving up great food all the time.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Hopefully more catering and more exposure.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Coaching! I mainly coach track and field and assist in soccer—two sports I truly love. In general, I'm a guy who enjoys a multitude of sports.

What's your comfort food and why?

Ice cream. I love sweet food.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

I would be coaching, something I have been doing for years, and I'm still doing it.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

Lamb chops from Bobby Flay's restaurant in Atlantic City. The flavors were out of this world!

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Traveling to Austin, Texas to a few barbecue joints.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Winning Best Food at the Bacon and Beer Classic 2019.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

Just the mere fact of them inviting me to this event.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

Mash potatoes, ribs, jerk chicken, rice, coleslaw, barbecue pigtails. Drink: A beastly cold mauby.

We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

Thank you for inviting me. I am glad you loved and enjoyed the food. Cheers to a great event and a lovely summer. Thank you East End!

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10TH ANNIVERSARY

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Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Matt Fisher,

Queens Custom Barbecue

Pitmaster Matt Fisher has enjoyed his fair share of acclaim over the years—being named Brisket King and Rib King of New York City, getting to cater at the prestigious James Beard House and being featured in *The New York Times* and several other print and digital news outlets. His latest venture, Queens Custom Barbecue, invites barbecue-lovers to email him at custombarbecue@gmail.com to place a custom order of his city-famous meats for pick-up in Ridgewood. Luckily, East Enders won't have to travel that far this summer, as he'll be bringing the goods to Dan's GrillHampton this August!

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"
Farmstand corn.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?
The power of food memory.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?
James Beard, Jackson Pollock and Dorothy Parker. Steamed Montauk lobster, clarified cultured butter, corn milk soufflé, panzanella, couer a la creme with mulberry compote. Lots of free flowing wine.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?
Anything for my wife. Not usually.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?
Always tell the truth. It's the easiest thing to remember.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.
Opening night Friday of a brand new restaurant on Union Square with a full house when the glass door of the oven holding the bulk of our food that we had easy for service got smashed and the glass covered the food. It was a long night.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?
Alive: José Andres for his commitment to giving and inspiring. Dead: Edna Lewis for her gift of food, stories and breaking barriers.

> *May your sunsets be clear and your beaches stay near!*

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?
Niche brewery tasting rooms with high end rotating food residencies.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?
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What's your comfort food and why?
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If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?
Writing about food.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?
My first home-grown tomato.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?
A trip to Cape Cod on which we ate seafood on the dock as the fishermen were bringing in their hauls.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Getting my wife to marry me.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?
Kissing my smoker.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?
The incredible community.

What is your go-to karaoke song?
"Don't Rock the Boat" by Midnight Star.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?
Ribeye, home fries, fried onion, Neapolitan pizza and my father's chili.

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BY BERNIE KILKELLY

Long Island's newest craft brewery, Long Island Farm Brewery, opened in June in Manorville. In addition to being a New York State-licensed farm brewery, it is located on a working farm, the 80-acre Waterdrinker Family Farm & Garden.

Waterdrinker is owned by the Weiss family, which has been farming on Long Island for five generations. When brothers Kirk and Joseph Weiss and their longtime friend Nick Giuffre decided a few years ago to turn their homebrewing hobby into a business, they quickly zeroed in on an old potato barn located on the farm.

"We were excited to renovate a building with a lot of history," says Kirk Weiss, "and we look forward to using ingredients from the farm in our beers."

The state currently requires farm breweries to use at least 60% of ingredients grown in the state. The partners are planning to relocate a hop farm they own in Center Moriches to the farm brewery property, where they will grow a variety of hops including Nugget, Willamette, Cascade and Centennial.

"In addition to using our own hops in our beers," says Weiss, "in the future we plan to grow our own barley and wheat on the farm."

The 4,000-square-foot potato barn underwent substantial renovations including pouring new floors to replace trenches used for washing potatoes. The airy building now houses a 1,600-square-foot brewhouse with a 10-barrel brewing system, with the remaining space devoted to a spacious bar and taproom.

Once the partners received their licenses and permits, they hired head brewer Brian Smith, who had previously been an assistant at BrickHouse Brewery in Patchogue and at Long Island Spirits distillery in Baiting Hollow. For the brewery's opening, Smith had 10 beers on tap including the popular Waterdrinker Blonde Ale, which quickly sold out, and several pale ales including Farmer's Tan session IPA, Mattock West Coast IPA and Out East IPA.

Other beer styles on tap were fitting for a farm brewery, including a Belgian-style Strawberry Blonde Saison and a Farmhouse Ale with notes of cinnamon and clove. Also on tap were New York State wines from the East End, ciders from Po'Boy Brewery in Port Jeff and meads from W.A. Meadwerks in Lindenhurst. Future beers will use ingredients grown at Waterdrinker and will have tie-ins to popular festivals hosted by the farm.

"We are planning to brew a Sunflower Honey Ale made with honey from our farm for the summer Sunflower Festival," says Weiss, "and a Pumpkin Ale for our popular Fall Festival."

In addition to indoor seating, the brewery has outdoor seating and will have a rotating series of food trucks on-site from Thursday through Sunday. Live music will also be featured on Saturday and Sunday. The brewery is dog-friendly and kid-friendly, especially with the nearby attractions on the farm including the 15-acre Family Farm Adventure featuring farmyard animals, tractor pedal cars and mini golf.

The brewery offers growlers and cans for takeaway and in the future hopes to self-distribute cans to local beer retailers. But in the meantime, head out east to Manorville and spend a day at the farm enjoying all the goodness of the harvest, including fresh craft beer made with local ingredients.

Long Island Farm Brewery is located at 663 Wading River Road, Manorville. For more info, visit longislandfarmbrewery.com.

Bernie Kilkelly is the editor and publisher of LIBeerGuide.com.

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Father Constantine Lazarakis

In recent columns, we've addressed how our degraded commitment to the truth hurts the democratic process and hurts us personally. We've talked about the enormous responsibility freedom of speech carries. In light of a few local elections here on the East End, and of course, the sad state of our national civic discussion, these themes need to be revisited. Almost all the campaign materials that came to my door in the past several months were embarrassing and shameful. I tried to hide them from my kids!

So why are the priest and rabbi addressing this civic issue? Why are they delving in to the political arena? It's as simple as this: Those who lead us (and those who would lead us) have a sacred obligation. Not only an obligation to the truth, but also an obligation to dignity. Mayors, council members, senators and presidents ... they set the tone for our communities, set the example for our youth and give a template for how to resolve disagreements and how to allow competing ideas to coexist. As long as our energy is focused on slanderous insults, it will be impossible to get it focused on the type of cooperation and collaboration our communities truly need.

Even still, this issue is much bigger than that. How our leaders carry themselves has spiritual implications for all of us. In the end, it comes down to how we treat the person with whom we disagree. It becomes a question of if the ends justify the means. It is a question of whether I can disregard the truth and the humanity of my opponent to get what I want. While we weigh all of that, we should remember that our kids are watching and will follow our lead.

Rabbi Josh Franklin

One of the great Jewish ideas of all time is called "an argument for the sake of heaven." The Talmud, an ancient book of Jewish law and wisdom, describes that when we argue, our goal should not be to win or destroy the other side, but rather to elevate and uncover truth. "Every argument that is for the sake of Heaven," note the rabbis of old, "is an argument that has lasting value." They give the example of two notable sages who were constantly engaged in vociferous debate, Hillel and Shamai (1st Century CE). The Talmud records 316 examples of Hillel and Shamai debating each other on issues of Jewish law. They are radical opposites in their world views, only agreeing on three out of the 316. Yet despite their opposing views, they were each other's teacher, and they were each other's friend. Ultimately, the views of Hillel are preferred over Shamai, but only because when Hillel argued, he would begin by teaching the view of his rival before his own.

This talmudic tale establishes three crucial rules for healthy and holy civic discourse:

Arguing isn't a zero-sum game of win or lose, it's an exercise in sharpening our ideas and opinions to advance a common purpose. Learn to understand all opinions, even the ones that you don't agree with. Arguing should bring people together, not divide them.

Amidst the current local elections out in the Hamptons, we have witnessed inexcusable ad hominem attacks between candidates. Insults have taken up more airtime than issues, and the above rules of civil discourse have been neglected entirely. One candidate will always win, but we the people become the ultimate losers when our politicians are more concerned with attacking their rival than they are about promoting their policies and ideas. When you're at the voting booth, remember that the character of our candidates, and the way they conduct themselves, matters.

EAST END LIVING

Up at Bat: Emma Walton Hamilton

In recognition of Dan's presenting sponsorship of the East Hampton Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game on August 21, we are giving local writers free rein to write whatever they want in this space for the summer.

First things first: Happy 72nd anniversary to the Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game, and since this issue coincides with graduations around the country, congratulations to all 2021 graduates!

Seventy-two years of writers and artists playing softball—safely—is quite an achievement. I know this firsthand, because the last time my actor/director husband played softball (with writers and artists, I might add) he ended up in the hospital with multiple facial fractures, putting an end to his own softball endeavors as well as those of that particular group of writers and artists.

Graduation is also a major achievement, and I know this because I, too, am a 2021 graduate.

Let me back up a bit.

When I graduated from high school (in 1980!), I quoted Thoreau on my yearbook page: "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."

I had no idea what it meant at the time, but I liked the imagery. I've since come to realize that I've lived my life by this philosophy: Do something first, then learn how to do it after the fact.

Case in point: 30 years ago, when my husband, Steve Hamilton, and I co-founded Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor, neither of us had ever built or run a theater. We learned on our feet. Thank goodness we didn't run it, or ourselves, into the ground.

And although I have been writing for as long as I can remember (in my teens, I co-authored a salacious young adult novel with my stepsister, Bridget LeRoy, an editor at this paper, which is too embarrassing to discuss further) and have published over 30 books, until quite recently I never formally studied writing.

I've been teaching for several decades as well—middle and high school students, undergrads and graduate students—but again, until recently, I never had teacher training.

So it should come as no surprise that I've wrestled with a chronic case of imposter syndrome my whole life.

Twelve years ago, I joined the faculty of Stony Brook Southampton's MFA in Creative Writing and Literature, and not long afterward, I decided to confront the issue head on. I became an MFA candidate myself, in the very same program I teach for.

It was often uncomfortable sitting in class alongside my own students, and I may hold the record for the longest time ever taken to complete an MFA program, but I finally received the foundation I craved. Thank God for kind and patient colleagues, bosses and students.

This May, I graduated with a Master's Degree in Creative Writing. Perhaps now I can finally put my imposter syndrome to rest. Perhaps I can finally view myself for what I am: A life-long learner, constantly putting foundations under my castles in the air.

I won't be learning to play softball, but hats off to the artists and writers who do, and to *Dan's Papers* for celebrating them. And even bigger hats (or caps) off to my fellow 2021 graduates. I am so proud to be standing, and celebrating, alongside you.

Emma Walton Hamilton is an award-winning author, producer, editor and educator. Together with her mother, Julie Andrews, she has co-authored over 30 books for children and adults, eight of which have been on The New York Times *best-seller list. The pair also co-host the podcast,* Julie's Library, *and received Emmy nominations for writing and producing* Julie's Greenroom *for Netflix. Emma serves on the faculty of Stony Brook Southampton's MFA in Creative Writing and Literature and lives in Sag Harbor. emmawaltonhamilton.com*

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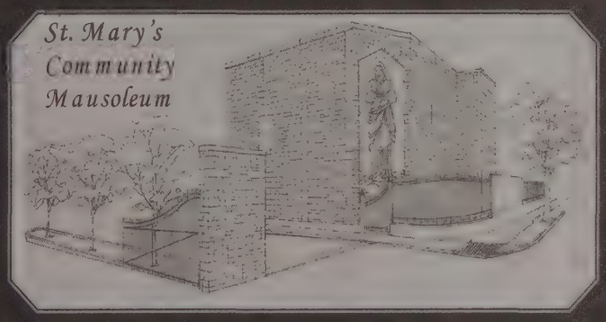

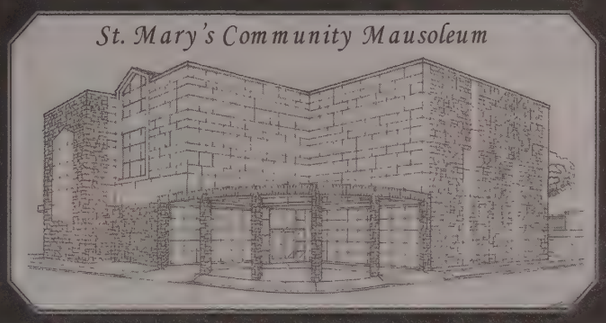

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"KISMET & KASEY'S ADVENTURES TOLD IN RHYME" IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON AMAZON.

BY CARLOTTA MOHAMED

An Eastport resident's new illustrated book of bedtime stories for children ages 3-6 years old aims to spark creativity in a child's imagination and let them explore and learn one story at a time.

Benjamin Morganlander is the author and publisher of his first children's book, *Kismet & Kasey's Adventures Told in Rhyme* which is available for purchase on Amazon.

"It's very cute and anybody that has read it, loves it," says Morganlander, who wrote the compilation of 12 rhyming stories, each with a different topic such as birthdays, magic, colors and counting. "My hope is that someone who reads these stories will see the value of having children go to sleep with good thoughts in mind as opposed to what's going on in this world."

Morganlander's inspiration for the stories stems from his two cats at home, Kismet and Kasey, who he developed as characters voicing the stories he wrote 30 years ago in the hopes of one day publishing them.

"I always imagined in my head that they had the intellect of a 3-year-old. Everything they did was adorable," Morganlander says. "To me, they're a great and curious intellectual animal when given the proper attention. Can you imagine if they spoke and were able to communicate with people? I put a voice to the animals, they do things that are imaginative and very creative."

According to Morganlander, he had sent the stories to a friend in California who was connected to an agent that worked with Disney. Although Morganlander received a contract with the agent, he says Disney decided to not move forward with the idea.

"They liked the stories, but they didn't like that I developed the characters and they didn't want it," Morganlander reveals. "The two cats in themselves are my creations, and they wanted to develop their own characters at the time."

After that, Morganlander says, the stories laid in his drawer for 30 years while he raised his children and continued running his business, Karlin's Decorators in Whitestone, a premier source for all interior design needs—including custom window shades, draperies and reupholstery.

It wasn't until Morganlander's son saw the stories in the drawer, that he was able to publish a book on Amazon, he says.

Today, Morganlander says he hopes that an agent or children's book publisher will use each story as a book, such as the *Golden Books,* which is a vibrantly colored children's series populated by cute creatures and intrepid locomotives.

"That's how the book is designed—you can get 11 books out of that," Morganlander says. "The stories are relevant for what a 3-year-old would be thinking about, such as colors and counting. It's relevant in a sweet way to children."

As the past year has been challenging for many, especially children, Morganlander says reading a bedtime story to a child who may be disturbed by the COVID-19 pandemic, might help. He says he hopes more people will read *Kismet & Kasey's Adventures Told in Rhyme* to their children.

> *My hope is that someone who reads these stories will see the value of having children go to sleep with good thoughts in mind as opposed to what's going on in this world.*

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Thuyen Nguyen:

The Celebrity Facialist on Finding and Giving Wellness

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

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With residences in both East Hampton and Manhattan, he works three days in the city and four days out east, traveling as needed. In the summer, he works full-time in the Hamptons.

"I follow my clients," says Nyguen, who recently opened a storefront in East Hampton on Newtown Lane: Curated by Thuyen, a wellness retail shop with multiple brands of Zen chic clothing, artisan jewelry, cashmere scarves, skincare and body care products including his own THUYEN Skincare line.

Nguyen kick-started his career in the Hamptons, after a psychic in New York directed him to "go east," he recalls with a quick laugh.

"He said, 'There's a place on Long Island ... when you go there, try to find a fountain, you will know that's where your destiny is.'"

The fountain turned out to be the fountain at Naturopathica in the Red Horse Plaza in East Hampton. Nguyen "was hired on the spot by (Naturopathica founder) Barbara Close" and two years later he went out on his own.

After a stint as creative director of the spa at Robert DeNiro's Greenwich Hotel in Tribeca, he opened up his own luxury spa in Wainscott known as FaceXercise Skin and Fitness Spa.

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Word travelled. In 2013 *Vogue* named his facials Best in New York. *People* magazine's wellness editor called him "a good alternative to botox and fillers." In 2018 he came out with his own skincare line.

"I decided before COVID to switch my spa in Wainscott that I had had for 10 years to East Hampton," he says. "I wanted to get into an elevated version of what I do with wellness and beauty."

Curated by Thuyen represents Nguyen's 26 years as a leader in wellness and beauty. Nguyen selects and puts his stamp of approval on all brands, which include exclusive fashion lines like Saaksa & Kinni (India), Casa Nata (Germany) and cashmere and fine jewelry with James Paul Cheung (USA) his retail partner.

A spacious private spa treatment area in the back offers focused, holistic treatments where Nguyen can work his massage magic. He is also partnering with Viva Cryo owner Tiffany Lee to offer her high tech body sculpting services to reduce cellulite and body inflammation.

So how did a gay, Vietnamese refugee who was bullied his whole life and whose family was on food stamps in in Florida build a successful wellness and beauty brand and become one of the most demanded facialists for the Oscars and the Met Gala?

"It's an intense story," says Nguyen, who, when he isn't running to a private client, is working in his store, or green-juicing for health, or planting in his Zen garden at his home in Springs.

We caught up with the very-booked and busy Nguyen via phone to hear more about his business and his personal journey.

How did you break into the celebrity circuit with your work?

It was primarily through word of mouth that I created this "Insta Lift facial" that became so requested for the red carpet. My name got passed around by makeup artists to stars like Cindy Crawford and Katy Perry when they asked, "Who can I trust with my

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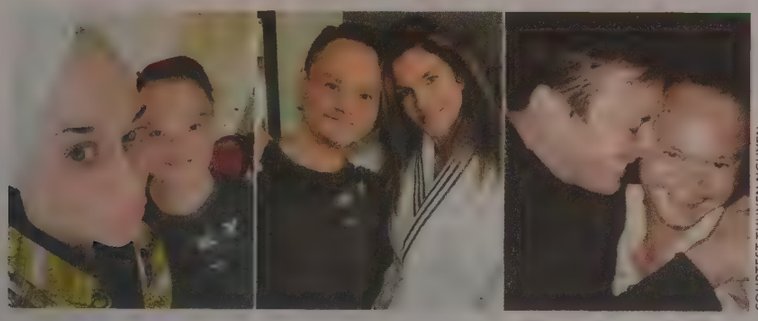

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THUYEN NGUYEN AND CLIENTS: KATY PERRY, CINDY CRAWFORD, JIMMY FALLON

skin?"

In one hour I was able to take jet setters with crazy schedules and reset their faces to make them look rested, even if they flew 24 hours.

I became associated with these gorgeous iconic women. And I was always trustworthy with people. My nickname is "Buddah" for a reason.

Why massage, how did it start?

I have a gift in my hands. I've heard it thousands of times. The minute I touch people on the body, they say the same thing after five minutes, "You have the gift," or, "You've solved the pain."

Although I'm known as a facialist pioneering skin fitness, I was originally a therapeutic massage therapist for the body.

I developed my facial passive exercise technique in the late 1990s by volunteering to give massages to paralyzed patients to prevent the damage of muscle atrophy. That's when I realized massage therapy is the most ancient form of anti-aging for keeping the skin tight.

It took me a long time to accept it when people told me I had a gift, because I was built insecure from my upbringing.

I was bullied as a child, and I was bullied at school profusely, living in Jacksonville, Florida, the only Asian kid in the class most of my life, and always the smallest kid in school. I was beaten in the locker rooms, my head slammed into metal lockers.

I was literally mute until I was 18 years old—I would look down, I didn't talk to people because I was so traumatized. I learned that if you stay invisible maybe nobody will try to beat you up.

From Vietnam, where you were born, to the U.S.—what was that transition like?

When I came here in 1975, America had just lost the war in Vietnam—the Vietnamese were seen as the enemy. We were told, "Do not tell people you are Vietnamese, tell them you are Chinese or Japanese."

After the fall of Saigon we came as refugees, we lived outside in refugee camps in cots in Guam for two months. We were the "boat people." I had to really stay invisible.

Like a lot of gay people, I became almost like an orphan because my family could sense I was gay and they weren't supportive, like a lot of Southern Baptists in Florida.

How did you move forward and get to New York?

I was very strong willed. When I came here I was already working in medical insurance. We were so poor we were on food stamps, so I had worked three jobs since I was 13 years old.

I left Jacksonville to get away from oppression. I got a job in New York doing medical insurance at *The New York Times*. After three years someone told me I had good hands and that I should go to massage school. So with a full-time job, I went to school at night working a weekend side job, and I finally passed the test.

My first massage job was $25/hour and now I'm $500/hour (laughs).

What is a Thuyen Skin Fitness facial massage like?

My signature Insta Lift Sculpt and Tone approach is that I massage the face the entire time. It's not like a regular facial. My fingers go so fast and are constantly moving. The approach is based on the time-honored benefits of massage therapy which is over 3,000 years old, before machines or products or laser.

The core of my facial is looking good inside and outside—it is healthy. I am against the injection movement. It's fitness for the face.

How booked ahead are you?

I'm typically booked a month in advance, and I always fit people in. Post-COVID I have had so many clients come out of the woodwork with breakouts from wearing the mask and a year of constant stress.

How do you feel today as a gay Asian man?

Very different. The Hamptons and New York have helped me. That's why I'm so involved with a lot of the charities (the LGBT Network, Gimme Shelter Animal Rescue, Second Chance Rescue and the Ellen Hermanson Foundation) because I really feel like I've been through so much pain, and I feel like I'm in a position where I can tell my story and help other people to know that in the darkest times, that the world will change if you work on yourself. And by keeping a good person.

I took my own pain and through empathy, have created this legacy of skincare where I am able to make people feel good.

Curated by Thuyen is located at 94 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. For more info, visit thuyenskincare.com. For information on Viva Cryo, visit vivacryo.com.

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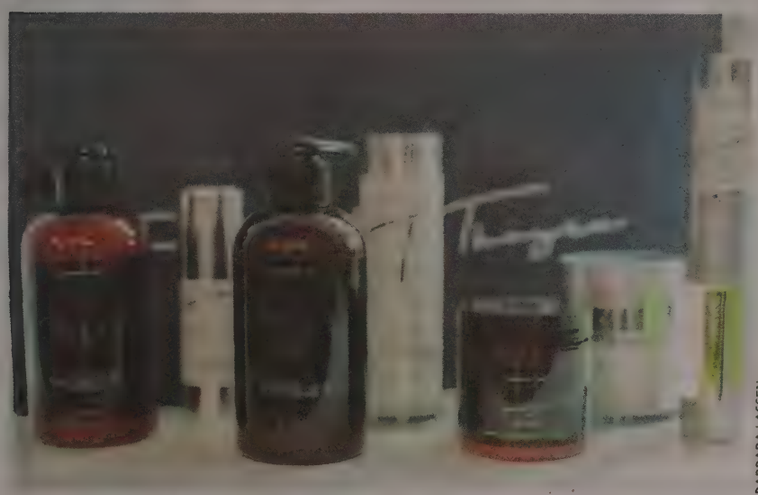

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

College HUNKS Hauling Junk & Moving Is Lifting Up the LI Community

Included on the INC 5000 lists as one of the fastest growing private companies in New York and in the country, Long Island-based College HUNKS Hauling Junk & Moving provides its namesake services and more across the region and much of the contiguous U.S. College HUNKS President Ted Panebianco discusses the company's services, nonprofit partnerships and more.

THE COLLEGE HUNKS HAULING JUNK & MOVING TEAM

For those who didn't know that HUNKS is actually an acronym, what inspired that decision, and what does Honest, Uniformed, Nice, Knowledgeable, Stress-free service entail?

The H.U.N.K.S. acronym is simply our brand promise to our clients. Honest, Uniformed, Nice, Knowledgeable, Stress-free service. Our amazing team, led by our director, Eric Natale, works very hard each and every day to make sure we deliver on this promise of exceptional service for all of our Long Island and greater New York City clients.

Which of your services are most popular during the summer months?

I'd have to say moving; however, both our full service moving and junk removal services peak in the summer months. Our moving clients benefit from our junk removal services, as every move also has junk removal needs, and we can be that one-stop shop that our clients can trust.

How has the recent East End real estate boom affected the demand for your moving services?

We are certainly doing more business on the East End this year than we have before. The housing market along with how we operated during the pandemic contribute to this growth in East End business. We have operated on Long Island for the last 10 years as the moving and junk removal company that can be trusted. We believe that coming out of COVID, more and more clients are choosing home service providers based on trust and professionalism. We kept and took care of all of our employees during COVID, and that helped us to handle the demand for our services once things started to open back up.

With many appliances and devices unable to be simply thrown away, does College HUNKS take on single-item removal jobs, such as the disposal of an old television or microwave?

Absolutely, there is no job too big or small for our junk removal and moving services. Our stress-free service coordinators here on Long Island are happy to assist all of our clients and advise on how to get the most bang for their buck.

Where does junk go after it's been removed?

We do our best to recycle and donate as much "junk" as possible. Our goal is to keep as much out of the landfill as we can. Over the last decade on Long Island, we have donated and/or recycled up to 70% of the items we have removed in any given year. Our partnerships with Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity and many others help us to achieve this goal. We are a family-owned-and-operated business, born and raised on Long Island and raising a family here now. It means a lot to us to keep this island as beautiful as possible and to make sure that College HUNKS remains eco-friendly.

With College HUNKS' several nonprofit partnerships, why is charity such an integral aspect of your business model?

The College HUNKS brand overall attracts, lends itself and supports mission-based, purpose-driven and tech-enabled entrepreneurs and their local businesses. Before we ever opened our doors, it was very important for my partner, Steven Nickels, and I to create a mission-based, purpose-driven local business here on Long Island. Our company has always been about people. This starts in our building with providing our employees an opportunity to grow and succeed while learning sales, marketing, customer service, entrepreneurship and the trades of moving and junk removal.

One of our core values is building leaders and all of our current managers started at the lowest level truck or sales center position and worked their way up through our developmental training program. We also knew that besides the impact we could make with our employees, we wanted to have a positive impact outside of our building, in the Long Island community. We focus our efforts mainly on education and food insecurity, but are involved with many charitable efforts—such as breast and ovarian cancer awareness, childhood cancer and illness, our domestic violence move program, the YMCA and much more. Giving back to our community was part of our vision, plan and in our budget well before we ever took a paycheck personally. We currently give two meals per any service we complete through a national partnership with U.S. Hunger. That nationwide effort has resulted in over two million meals provided in the last three years.

Stay tuned for our HUNKS Against Hunger initiative here on Long Island that takes that giving to the next level and keeps everything here on Long Island. We plan to meet with and finalize these plans very soon with Island Harvest and possibly LI Cares, as well. Our partnership with Cox Media Group Long Island (106.1 BLI and 102.3 WBAB) will be integral in helping promote our HUNKS Against Hunger initiative here on Long Island and making sure we help as many Long Island families as possible. COVID delayed these plans, but we are excited to launch this in 2021.

What other services does College HUNKS provide?

We provide full-service moving, junk removal and move labor services at the moment. We help provide storage through third party partners but hope to do that directly in the near future. We are also interested in and plan to bring the College HUNKS way to other home services in the next few years.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

We always say that our people are our competitive advantage. The people we hire, our company culture and our training program help create an amazing place to work and help us deliver exceptional service to our clients. We are so grateful for our team and for the trust of our clients and referral partners across Long Island and the greater NYC area. All the good we are able to do for our community starts with our amazing, dedicated team and the trust of our clients. Without them, none of what we do would be possible. We are forever grateful and will work hard to continue delivering on our brand promise and to have a positive impact on the Long Island community.

To learn more, visit collegehunkshaulingjunk.com or call 631-406-4888.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

When It Can Be Smart to Hire a Painting Pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint. Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle.

According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated. Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

"The best way to make a good first impression is with a fresh coat of paint," Baiting Hollow-based North Fork Painting says on its website. "It's like a book cover: The first thing anybody notices. Nothing is more beautiful than a perfect paint job."

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints including finishes for particular applications will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

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Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied. Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them. Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro.

Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience. Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.

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Now that we're all breathing a sigh of relief as COVID-19 ebbs, it turns out we're in the midst of the worst tick season in recent memory. If that isn't scary enough, forecasters say cases of Lyme disease in 2021 will also set records. Last winter was one of the warmest on record. That, combined with waves of hot and humid weather have caused tick populations to explode. **Even more significant, are you aware that approximately 70% of people who contract Lyme Disease each year are bitten by ticks in *their own yard?*** And that cases of tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Anaplasmosis have more than doubled in the last 15 years? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as 476,000 Americans are diagnosed with Lyme disease each year. Who knows just how many dangerous, disease-carrying ticks are hiding in tall grass in your yard? Especially this summer, when people who have been homebound and cooped up because of COVID-19 want to get out of the house to garden and spend time in their yards — *where the ticks are.* Lyme disease or any dangerous tick disease is the last thing you need right now. How can you protect yourself and your family? Call us now. For nearly 25 years, we have provided the most effective, environmentally-responsible year-round tick prevention program possible. So don't take a chance with your family's safety, call East End Tick & Mosquito Control today for a free, no-obligation estimate.

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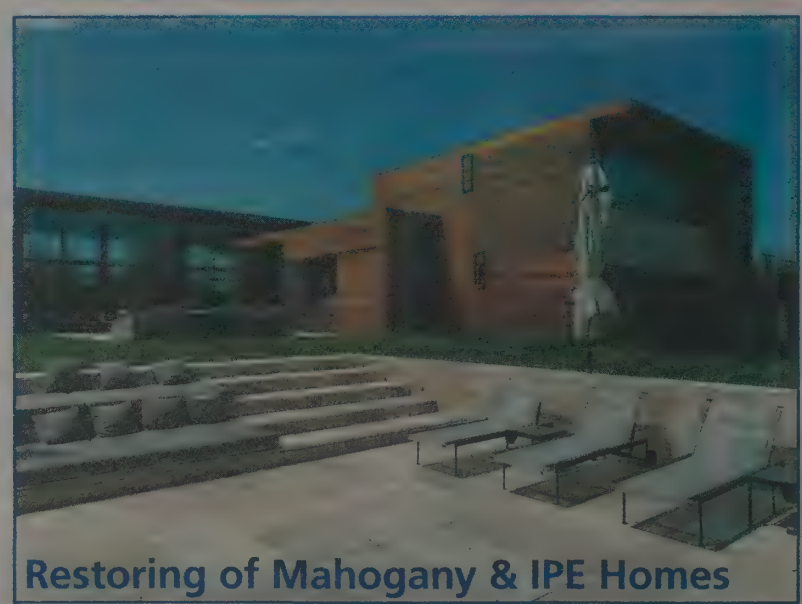

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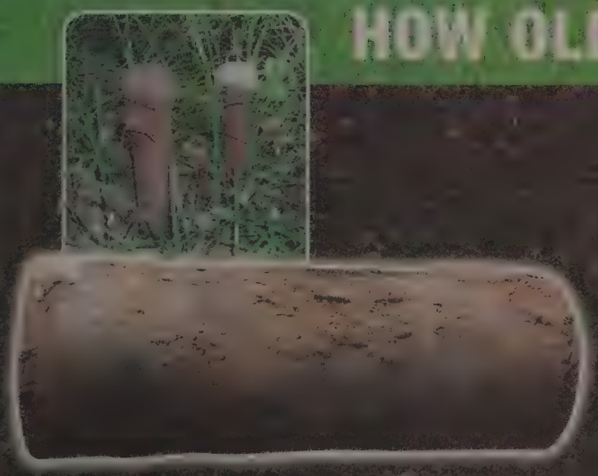

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Smith notes that the company uses only biodegradable products, not chemicals, while patching leaks, waterproofing basements and crawl spaces and disinfecting mold. The company also offers services to prevent mold, such as installation of dehumidification systems and air purification systems to eliminate allergens and the COVID-19 virus. They also do basement renovations to finish them for living space, exercise rooms, and media rooms.

The health risks of mold should not be ignored, he warns.

"You can get different types of asthma and all different types of allergies," he adds. "Children, animals, and people with weakened immune systems, which is especially the case with all of the COVID going around, are particularly susceptible."

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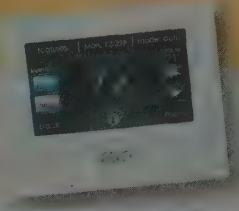

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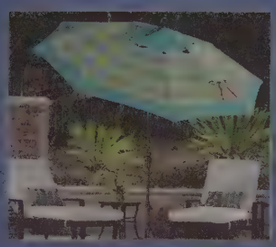
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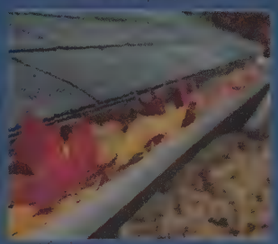
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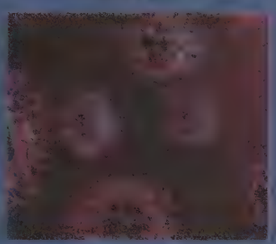
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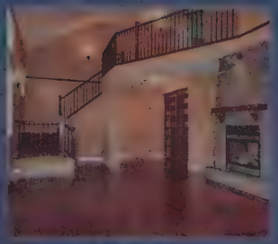
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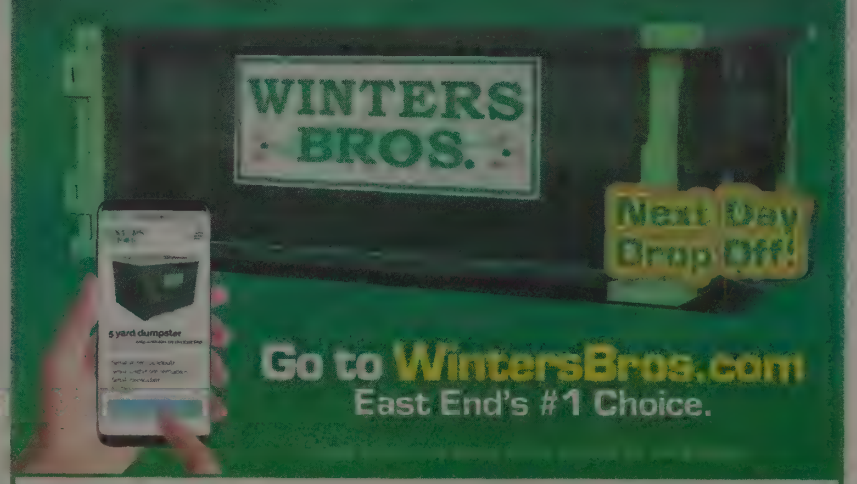

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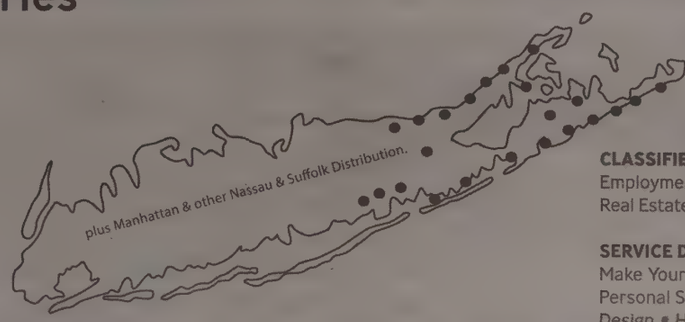

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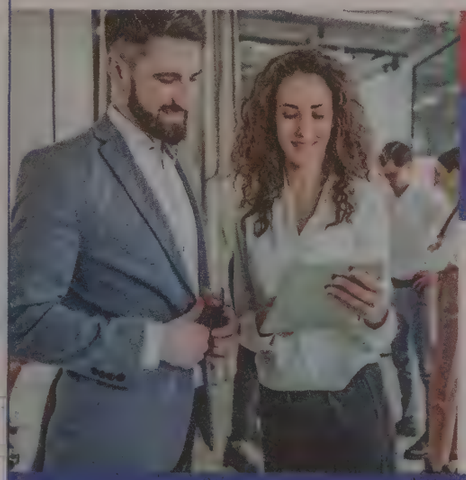

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Former Modell's Sporting Goods CEO

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Modell's Sporting Goods has helped millions of children find their passion on the playing field. For Mitchell Modell, he has found his playing field in the Hamptons.

Perhaps the most iconic name in sporting goods, Modell was the fourth-generation leader of Modell's Sporting Goods. He has helped equip generations of athletes with the gear they need to have success on the court, track, field or simply the school yard. But also, countless children's earliest memories in sport came from walking the aisle of Modell's.

As recognizable a name as any professional athlete, Modell's Sporting Goods was launched by Mitchell's great-grandfather, Morris, an immigrant from Russia. Their first store opened in 1889 on Cortland Street in lower Manhattan. After being passed through Morris's posterity, it grew to more than 160 locations. After a storied lifespan in business, Modell's closed its doors in 2020, but remains in the hearts and memories of millions across America.

"When your name is on the front door it puts incredible pressure on you to perform every day," Modell says. "There was nothing more satisfying than seeing a young boy buying his first baseball cleats and glove at our store—and seeing the smile, which was infectious."

Today, Modell is CEO and founder of the MM3 Consulting Group, which consists of Vitiprints.com and Viracide Mask Company. In the second chapter of Modell's life, he sought to make a difference in others' lives, which is why he is investing in technologies which help fight against the coronavirus.

Modell has always been known among his associates and colleagues as a titan of business, with values, heart and real passion for his workforce. This was never more evident than when he appeared in the premiere of season four of *Undercover Boss*. The episode was immediately projected into the series' all-time great episodes, as Modell's experience on the program was life-changing for him and led to widespread changes in standard operating procedure. During the episode, he also presented a $250,000 check to an associate so she could buy a house after he learned she was living in a homeless shelter with her two children.

MITCHELL MODELL

It also led Mitchell to re-evaluate his own life. The laborious work in the warehouse revealed to him how his own personal physical challenges would have impaired his own ability to do the job. Following the episode, he lost over 80 pounds and renewed his focus on his personal health and wellbeing.

"*Undercover Boss* was a life changing experience. I always tell my friends, 'You don't have to be on a reality show to talk to your people and find out what the real world is all about.'"

> *When your name is on the front door, it puts incredible pressure on you to perform everyday.*

Modell is also a renowned philanthropist whose work is ongoing. In the 1960s, his brother Michael, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease—an intestinal disease which causes severe stomach pain and various other conditions. After watching his brother struggle with immeasurable pain from the age of 13, his family helped found the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, which has since raised over $384 million for research into the treatment, causes and cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Their important work is far from over, as millions still suffer from Crohn's and colitis yearly, but an arm of the company remains in advocacy, raising awareness about the disease which is often misunderstood or undiagnosed.

"It was a legacy that was started by my parents, Shelby and Bill Modell, along with the Rosenthals. It taught us a life lesson: You always have to give back to those less fortunate than you."

While Modell has been an icon in the sporting goods and philanthropy circles, he has also been a staple on the East End, where he and many members of his family have called "home" for decades. During the pandemic, like many of our former-summertime visitors, he found refuge on the East End, settling into his abode more permanently.

"There is no place on this earth that is a more calming influence than being in the Hamptons. Seeing the local farms, the local flower shops and other boutiques, as well as fishing out in Montauk, the Mecca of fishing, with my two sons, there is nothing more enjoyable."

He can often be found at the iconic Southampton restaurants 75 Main and Blu Mar, which are two of his favorite spots on the East End. He is also fond of Bobby Van's and La Bilboquet, two of his other favorite spots on the East End.

Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.

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